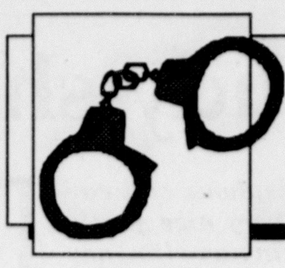
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Mail carrier: accusations of theft, drugs & a gun

By Steve Marschke
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Reports of mail theft and drug dealing led U.S. Postal Inspectors to arrest a West Sacramento postal carrier on March 18.

Tony Perez, 40, was arrested on his route near Second and G streets after postal officials planted some tempting mail in his reach, said a spokesperson for the Yolo Narcotic Enforcement Team (YONET), which assisted in the investigation.

"(Postal officials) made sure they left some mailed books of checks and credit cards that weren't on his route in with his mail," said Commander Martin J. Horan IV of YONET. "Instead of giving them to the carrier they belonged with, he grabbed them. He even opened the checks while he was on his route."

When Perez was picked up, according to Horan, he was in possession of 13 grams of marijuana, along with a Macy's credit card and a checkbook that belonged to others. While he was detained by postal inspectors, YONET personnel served a search warrant on Perez's Riverside Blvd. residence in Sacramento.

"Five checkbooks belonging to two different subjects, two checks written out to a business that did not belong to Perez, two bank card 'PIN' number envelopes belonging to others, and five credit cards belonging to others were seized," said Horan – along with another 8.4 grams of marijuana.

The carrier's car was also searched while it was parked at the Merkley Avenue post office where Perez was based.

This resulted in seizure of 16 completed checks – including six federal income tax refund checks made out to other people, and two Visa cards. Both credit cards were accompanied by the owners' PIN numbers (access codes) and one also had the individual's social security number and driver's license number written on it. Also in the car was a loaded, concealed handgun.

Perez was charged with possession of stolen property, possession of a loaded handgun and concealed firearm, and possession of a small amount of marijuana.

While being booked into Yolo County Jail, it was discovered that Perez also had possession of 1.9 grams of methamphetamine, leading to an additional drug possession charge.

Law enforcement officials seized computer, television and video equipment from Perez's residence, believing that they were purchased through stolen credit cards. They believe he may have used computer equipment to help commit identity theft and fraud. He is believed to have printed his own fraudulent payroll checks a home, using the victims of identity theft.

Additional information has been pieced together by the News-Ledger through conversations with the postal inspector's office and one West Sacramento man who believes he was a victim of the thefts:

West Sacramento's Sam Turner said a personal nightmare of identity theft began on March 19. He had been waiting to receive the last expected box of new checks at his home mailbox, and it hadn't shown up.

"I received a call that a girl had the checks, and had used one of them at Fry's Electronics (in Sacramento), writing it for over $3,000 to buy a computer," said Turner. "Sacramento police arrested her, and she in turn let it out that it was a mail carrier named 'Tony' who had given the packet of checks he had stolen."

Several of Turner's checks had already been cashed – leading to a current battle with credit reporting agencies as he tries to clear his name and his credit. Although he closed his checking account, at least one check verification service that took a loss on one of Turner's stolen checks is now harassing him in an attempt to get him to pay their bill.

Turner said West Sacramento police were difficult to interest in the case, although he believed the theft had taken place in West Sacramento. Local police could not immediately respond to inquiries about the case, and the postal inspector closest to the case was not available for comment.

YONET officials said that when Turner and at least one other victim passed along their stories of theft to the postal inspector's office, the post office began investigating and working with YONET to catch the suspect.

Turner said it his understanding that Perez is believed to have stolen checks and financial information that was in mail destined for other routes than his own route, which helps explain why Turner – not a resident of Perez's Broderick-neighborhood mail route – was victimized.

"Anything that's not a letter is considered 'odd-shaped mail,' by the post office," said Turner, relaying how the matter was explained to him. "It goes on a different tray. Each carrier picks up their letter mail, then they pick up the tray of odd-sized mail. The tray of odd-sized mail for my carrier's route is next to the tray for his, and that's why my box of checks was taken."

As Perez was being arrested, postal authorities pressured him for his resignation. He gave it to them.

A spokesperson for the postal inspector's office said this produces a more certain result than firing the suspect would have produced – since union protections could have led any attempt to fire Perez into the arbitration process, and possibly ended with Perez still on the payroll.

Casino: Pomo tribe divided on issue?

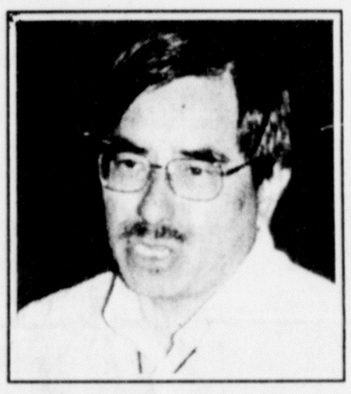
By Steve Marschke
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Two West Sacramento citizens' groups and a statewide group on Monday joined several current members of the Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians and several dozen "disenrolled" members of the tribe in opposing the tribe's plans to bring an Indian gaming casino to West Sacramento's Reed Avenue area.

The casino opponents held a press conference at the Veterans of Foreign Wars auditorium on Drever Street.

A key issue for those affiliated with the tribe was whether the tribe had any historical roots in the West Sacramento area, a factor that might help it gain the right to buy land for a casino.

"Despite recent claims (by proponents), West Sacramento was not selected as a location for this casino because of its historical connection to the tribe," said Molin Malicay, one of those whose Pomo status was removed when membership rules were redrawn about five years ago. "In fact, the Pomo tribe has no connection."



MOLIN MALICAY
photo by Barry Blacklaw



CARMELLA ICAY-JOHNSON
file photo

Malicay said he agreed with other tribes in the area – both gaming and non-gaming – that West Sacramento has no special status as a historical territory of the Pomos, thus eligible to contribute land for the tribe's use "in trust."

"It is time for the interim tribal council to admit that this project is not about setting down roots for the Upper Lake Pomo Indians," he continued, "It is about the bottom line."

Cheryl Schmit, co-director of the "Stand Up for California!" organization, also criticized the plans for the casino.

"The real problem here today," said Schmidt, is we have an investor from out-of-state taking advantage of the language we have in the state of California to put a casino in a place that a casino should not go."

Heidi Ramirez of the local "West Sacramento Quality Urbanization and Development Group" and Marc Burgat of the local "Citizens Against Casinos" group also spoke against the proposal.

"Adult bookstores and motels have been removed from West Capitol," said Ramirez, "the drug and prostitution problem that once prevailed has decreased. . . (but) a casino within city limits would bring about some of the same elements that West Sacramento has worked so hard to get rid of."

"The casino is proposed for a metropolitan area within walking distance from downtown and in walking distance from homes," said Burgat. "I'm proud to live in West Sacramento. I'm proud of the River Cats and Raley Field. I simply can't be proud of a casino."

Burgat added that he voted for Proposition IA, California's measure allowing Indian gaming, but the voter pamphlet assured him that such casinos could not be built "anywhere."

Carmella Icay-Johnson, the interim chairperson of the Upper Lake Pomos, was not part of the press conference. She is one of the proponents of the casino, working alongside Roy Palmer and other partners who hope to manage the new casino at the resort hotel complex.

She answered some of the opponents' charges Monday evening over the phone, saying her adversaries' claims that the Pomos had no history in the West Sacramento area were "ignorant."

"They don't understand their roots, and it's very said," said Icay-Johnson. "When they were born, their parents were in Upper Lake. But we evolved and lived from the Sacramento River Valley to the coast. Over the years, we

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New zoning initiative unveiled by WS-QUAD group

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A ballot measure which hopes to reduce future industrial development in West Sacramento's south and on Port of Sacramento property has been submitted by a local community group to city officials. The West Sacramento Quality Urbanization And Development (WS-QUAD) group will ask the city council to either accept the ballot measure as law, or place it on the city ballot for a public vote.

Acceptance by the council is a long-shot, admits WS-QUAD vice president Kimber Goddard. So the group expects to go out and get about 1,200 signatures to qualify it for the ballot.

"This initiative creates a public policy for the entire city," said Goddard. "The public policy that emphasizes quality development will apply to the entire city, but the rezoning would apply primarily to Southport (the city's largely-undeveloped southern half)."

Called "The Premier City Initiative" by its proponents, the ballot measure maintains that West Sacramento has "an over-abundance of industrial and very little commercial development."

More such development in Southport areas slated for industry would produce air pollution, truck traffic, noise and dust, continues the proposed ballot measure. The city would thus be required to "minimize further industrial land uses throughout the entire city where reasonable and appropriate and. . . emphasize commercial, residential and recreational uses."

Industrial development in Southport would be replanned unless industry can be shown to be the only economically feasible use, and also shown not to "discourage" residential uses within 5,000 feet. Industry would also only be allowed to proceed if it won't hurt the public's health, safety and welfare. If new industry meets these conditions, says the proposed law, it can proceed only as a "conditional use permit."

Port of Sacramento labor union leader Agustin Ramirez has already termed the ballot measure the "Kill the Port" initiative.

Port Director John Sulpizio said the port has spent millions of dollars planning and building for industrial development already mapped out by city zoning laws a dozen years ago, and the measure could threaten the port's interests.

Goddard says the initiative doesn't aim to "kill" the port, but does aim to place control of the port's growth plans in the hands of the port's neighbor – the City of West Sacramento.

"In my opinion, this places control of the port's development where it should be, and that's under control of the host city. Currently, West Sacramento must suffer the port's detriment, even though it reaps no benefit."

Goddard and WS-QUAD have recently butted heads with the Port of Sacramento on a number of proposed industrial developments several thousand feet from Southport homeowners – most recently a bridge construction plant.

He and a prior "QUAD" group came with one percent of the vote in 1990 when championing a similar ballot measure, trying to eliminate industrial zoning in Southport.

School newspaper

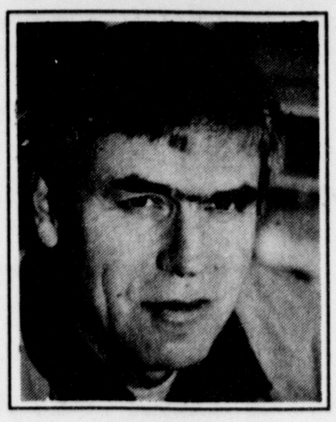
This week's issue of the News-Ledger includes the River City High School "Review."

The Review is written and produced solely by the high school's journalism class, under the tutelage of English teacher Sandy Larson.

It is printed and distributed by the News-Ledger as a service to the school.

New study shows women really do love housework

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

***Note:** I received a telephone call earlier this week from a very nice gentleman (he wants to remain nameless) saying he wanted his wife of 30-plus years to read a column I wrote quite awhile ago about how more and more women seem to be enjoying doing housework nowadays. "My house is always a mess," he explained sadly, "and I'd sure appreciate it if you'd print that column again. I'll make sure my wife reads it this time."*

Although I have already paid a very heavy price for writing that particular column, we here at the News-Ledger will of course do anything for our loyal readers, so here it is.

"Hey, Mary," I cried out to my wife the other evening, "have you by any chance read this article in today's newspaper about how women are really starting to enjoy doing housework again?"

"What did you say?" yelled back my wife, who was in the next room leisurely playing a game of computer solitaire even though the kitchen sink was overflowing with dirty dinner dishes.

"That's what this article says," I continued. "Yep, it says right here in black and white that a bunch of researchers have found that a majority of women now say it's very important to them that their homes be neat and tidy. And that's up by more than ten percent from 1975. Apparently there's a life pattern for housekeeping. Cleanliness standards seem to rise for women in their 20s, dip in their 30s and 40s, and then swing back up again in their 50s. And with the baby-boomers all turning 50, houses everywhere are starting to get cleaner."

"What in the world are you talking about?"

"Boy, Mary, this article is just full of information," I continued. "For instance, did you know that you can polish chrome with mayonnaise, remove bubble gum with peanut butter, and clean piano keys with yogurt? And listen to this! Men have almost doubled the amount of housework they do. We're all the way up to ten whole hours a week now."

"Ten hours a year is probably more like it," I thought I heard her say.

"It also says that more women are starting to buy real dishes instead of paper plates; and that they're dusting and polishing the furniture every week instead of just once a month; and that the sales of brooms, mops and vacuum cleaners have been going right through the roof. And oh, yeah, here's one you might be interested in. It says here that more and more women are finding it really difficult to sleep soundly at night if they haven't washed all the dinner dishes before they go to bed."

Suddenly, my wife was right in front of me. "You made that last one up, didn't you?"

"Of course not," I lied.

"You know," said my wife with fire in her eyes, "your arm isn't broken. Why don't YOU get up and put the dinner dishes in the dishwasher for a change. It wouldn't exactly kill you, you know."

"But I don't know how to work the dishwasher," I said with the most pitiful expression I could produce.

"It's not exactly nuclear science," she assured me.

"Oh, that's okay," I said, definitely not wanting to depart from my long held policy of remaining totally ignorant of the workings of all household appliances.

"And for your information," she added with emphasis, "I did read that stupid article you have in you hands. Would you like to know the part I really liked?"

"Well, sure."

"The part where they quoted Erma Bombeck as saying, `Housework can kill you if you do it right'!"

"Hey," chimed in my smiling 22-year-old daughter, who had been listening to the conversation with a smile, "you want to know what I think about housework?"

"No!" said my wife and I in unison.

"I think housework is meaningless," she said anyway. "I mean, why should I make my bed if I'm just going to get back in it the next night? And I'm with Mom -- why is it that women get stuck with keeping houses clean? The whole idea is absurd. It makes absolutely no sense, especially since men are the real slobs anyway. If some lazy man thinks I'm going to spend my whole life slaving away keeping his house clean, he has another thought coming!"

A few days later, I happened to mention to a work friend of mine that my wife, daughter and I had recently had a lengthy and rather heated discussion on the subject of housework.

"What brought that ugly subject up?" she asked with apparent interest.

"Oh, some silly newspaper article that I was reading."

"Well," she said with understanding, "women have been known to get a little touchy from time to time when men bring up the subject of housework."

"Boy, tell me about it," I said. "Now why do you think that is?"

"Because we're the ones who always get stuck doing it."

"Oh."

"Anyway, would you like to hear what I think about the subject of housework?" she asked me.

"Sure," I said, having long held her way of looking at the world in very high regard.

"I think housework is an awfully lot like sex," she said with a straight face. "Just when you think you're through with it for awhile, you end up having to do it all over again."

School's garden grows ideas for student writing contest

Westfield Village Elementary recently announced the winners of their first annual Garden Writing Contest. Students who participated were asked to write about the Westfield Village garden. Using their appropriate grade level writing standards, students developed original written works that described their experience in the garden.

School staff then volunteered to read and judge the submitted works. The following are the winners by grade level:

Kindergarten: Kimberly Ayala, 1st place; Brisa Estrad, 2nd place; Frank Silva, 3rd place.

First Grade: Becca Parker, 1st place; Ana Macias, 2nd place; Karina Bueno, 3rd place.

Second Grade: Karina Huerta, 1st place; Miriam Lara, 2nd place; Deissy Guajardo, 3rd place.

Third Grade: Silvia Rojas, 1st place; Christopher Carter, 2nd place; Andrea Sanchez, 3rd place.

Fifth Grade: Ashley Wait, 1st place; Alma Alejo, 2nd place; Anjelica Mura, 3rd place.

Prizes and certificates were distributed at a winners picnic on April 24th in the Westfield Village garden.

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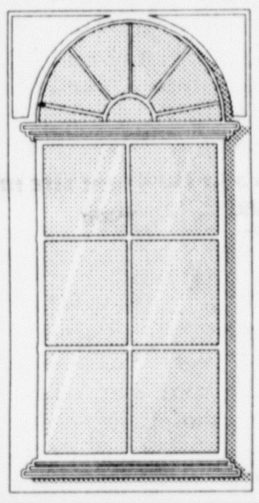
"Living in Spanglish: The Search for Latino Identity in America," by Ed Morales.

"Survive: Stories of Castaways and Cannibals," edited by Nate Hardcastle.

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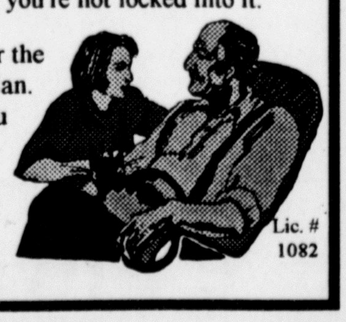
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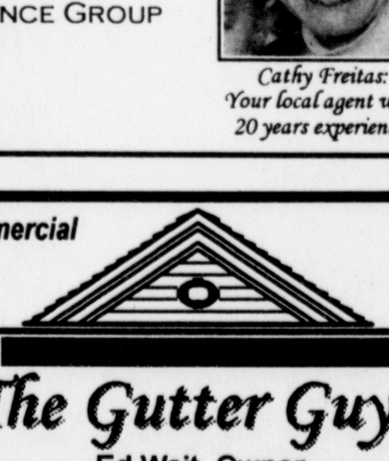
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SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The Kings struggled at times, but the boys from Sacramento eliminated the Utah Jazz from the 2002 playoffs.

The payback is finally over! The Jazz seem to own the Kings in the playoffs, having eliminated the Kings twice from the NBA title hunt. Sacramento woke up from a deep sleep to hack their way to a 3 ?1 series win. It was very interesting to hear many Kings fans talk bad about the boys from Sac. Town. It's time to jump back on the playoff wagon! Nobody said the playoffs were going to be easy. Believe me, this hard-fought series will make the Kings tougher down the road. Don't you just love to hear you own heart pound while you watch the Kings battle and scrap for their respect?

The Sacramento Kings finally played their winning style of basketball in game 4 to hold on to a dramatic 91-86 win. The Kings were outcoached in the first three games even though they managed to win game one at the Arco and game three in Utah 90-87 on Saturday afternoon.

I tip my hat to the Jazz coaching staff and the old dynamic duo of Stockton and Malone. The Jazz were blown out four times this year by the run-and-gun boys from Sacramento, so they decided to slow the game down.

The Jazz coaching staff almost pulled off the upset of the playoffs. The Jazz invented a new style of basketball that resembled a good old fashioned hockey game. The Jazz grabbed, tripped, held, body checked and hammered the Kings in the first three games to keep the score low. The strategy was very effective but in game 4 the Kings broke out and showed league why they won 61 games this season.

The Kings coaching staff decided to push the ball up the floor to the open man and bang the boards. Peja Stojakovic broke out of the grasp of the Russian national all-star Andrei Kirilenko who harassed him throughout the series, to knock down 30 points and carry the Kings to victory. The Jazz forward, Andrei Kirilenko, was selected Monday to the NBA's All-Rookie first team.

The player of the series had to be Doug Christie! Christie was everywhere and he added 12 points in game 4 for Sacramento, which moved into the second round for the second straight season. A year ago, the Kings were swept in four games by the Los Angeles Lakers. Bring on Dallas!

The Kings will now move into the second round to face the Dallas Mavericks, who swept the Timberwolves in three games. The Kings lost twice to the Mavs this season, but C-Webb didn't play in those games.

The Kings have the best home court record and the Mavs won the most games on the road. This is going to be a high scoring affair that will probably go seven games! If the Kings win game one on Saturday the Kings will win the series in six games! The Kings hold the wild card, best known as the "home court advantage," in this best-of-seven series that will start on Saturday, May 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Arco Arena. Tickets for the second round of the playoffs go on sale May 3 at 10:00 a.m.

In the rest of the conference, the Lakers swept Portland 3-0 and are in Los Angeles awaiting the outcome of the Spurs and Sonics series. The Spurs lead the series 2-1 but are playing with out Mr. Robinson at center.

In the East, the Conference is still up for grabs with all eight teams still in the hunt for the semi-finals. It's pretty safe to say that the winner of the 2002 NBA title will come from the Western Conference. Will it be the Sacramento Kings?

Major League Baseball

The Giants returned to Pac Bell Park on Monday after their a longest road trip in three years. The G-Men returned with a record of 5-7 after playing 12 games in 14 days. The whole Giants pitching staff took a little vacation except Kirk Rueter, who won all three of his starts, allowing only three earned runs.

The Oakland A's were at home knocking out home runs during their long home stand. The A's have homered in 15 consecutive games and lead the majors with 41 HR's. The A's are off to New York and Chicago.

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Goaltending



VANESSA MALDANADO, goalie for the River City Raiders' junior varsity soccer team, clears the ball in Monday's game against Vanden High School. The Raider varsity tied 0-0 on Monday, and the River City squad will play next today against Lindhurst.

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

RC readies for title

In tuning up for this week's Golden Empire League West championship match against Vanden, the River City High School tennis team defeated three of the league's weaker teams last week by a combined score of 26 to 1.

In the Raiders 9-0 rout of San Juan, Keonakone Lattasima won the #1 girls singles match 6-0,6-0 and there were also successful 2002 varsity debuts from sophomores Heather Yip and Sen Saetern (10-7 in mixed doubles) and Cheng Saetern (10-1 with partner Bhaves Patel in #2 boys doubles.

In R.C.'s 9-0 victory over Auburn's Forest Lake Christian, Lattasima, playing in her school record 100th individual varsity match, won 6-2,6-3. Tanna Phouanglasy double-bageled her opponent in the #2 girls singles match, 6-0,6-0, while the girls doubles teams on Nai Saelee and Irina Istomin, and Crys-

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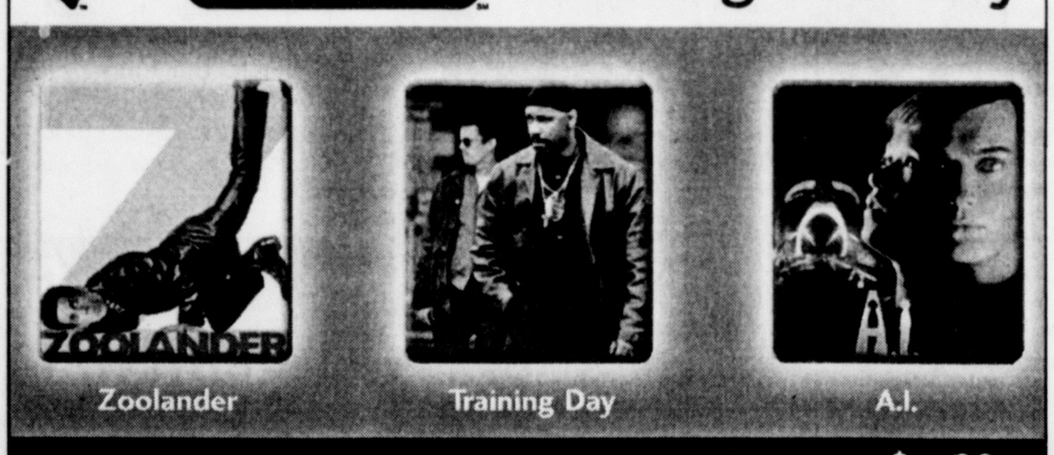
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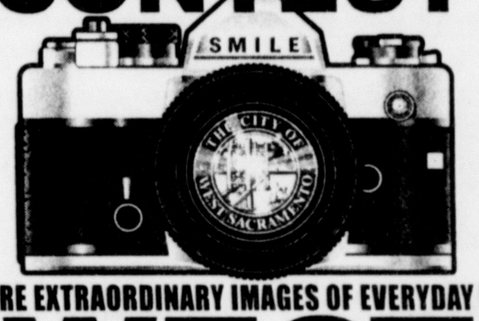
1. Who is the Colorado Rockies' career home-run leader?
2. When pitcher Roy Oswalt set the Houston Astros record last season for most victories by a rookie (14), whose mark did he break?
3. True or false: In 2001, the University of Wisconsin had a 1,000-yard rusher for a ninth consecutive season.
4. What was the highest pick used in an NBA draft to select a European player?
5. Name the only brother trio to be inducted into the NHL Hall of Fame.
6. Name the boxer who became Mexico's first Olympic medalist.
7. Which soccer player was the 1998 World Cup Most Valuable Player?

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DETAILS: 1(one) entry per photographer will be accepted.
Photos no larger than 5 x 7 inches accepted. No mounting or framing.
Black & White OR Color photos may be submitted in all categories.

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College Photography Students		$500	$250	$100

ENTER - It's FREE! Take a photograph between May 1st and May 15th and submit a print with your completed entry form (below). Photos will be judged based on visual appeal, contest theme, composition, and originality.
DEADLINE for ENTRIES: 5pm May 15th
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Title of entry (optional)
I have reviewed the "15 Days in May Photo Contest" guidelines and agree to enter the contest as outlined. I am entering the category for which I am most eligible. I agree to enter at my own risk, and do not hold the city of West Sacramento, sponsors or coordinators responsible in the event of damage or loss of photo. I authorize the city of West Sacramento to use my name and/or photograph for publicity, promotion and advertising purposes.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 21, 2002
File No. 2002-233

The following person is doing business as Menlo Worldwide Logistics, 3240 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto CA 94304:

Menlo Logistics, Inc., 3240 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto CA 94304 .

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 2/2002.

/s/Eberhard G. H. Schmoller, Assistant Secretary
Menlo Logistics, Inc.

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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Mar 21, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 22, 2002
File No. 2002-239

The following person is doing business as River City Registration, 1540 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Frances J. Bohlman, same address as above.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-3-87.

/s/Frances J. Bohlmann

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 1, 2002
File No. 2002-155

The following person is doing business as JLP Great Ideas, 3260 Drakes Bay St., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Jerry Peterson and Lisa Peterson, same address as above .

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 28, 2002
File No. 2002-147

The following person is doing business as About Face, 920 Cranbrook Ct.:

Rebecca Witter, 920 Cranbrook Ct., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Rebecca S. Witter

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, May 7, 2002**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

Residential Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project, 2001-2002

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work consists of implementing residential traffic calming measures by constructing asphalt concrete pavement undulations on Cummins Way, Arthur Drive, Willow Avenue and Deerwood Street. The project also includes installation of preformed rubberized speed cushions on Fourness Drive.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **sixty (60) working days** from the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $15.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $20.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the Contract Documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractor's license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must posses a current **Class "A" General Engineering or a Class "C-12" Earthwork and Paving Contractor's License** issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

Date:

By: Stephen M. Patek, Director of Community Development
Apr 24 May 1

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 11, 2002
File No. 2002-324

The following person is doing business as Covell Gardens, 1111 Alvarado Avenue, Davis CA 95616:

ARV Covell, LLC, a California limited liability company, 245 Fischer Avenue, D-1, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6-26-00.

/s/Abdo H. Khoury, Authorized Manager

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Date: Apr 11, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 27, 2002
File No. 2002-259

The following person is doing business as Plainfield Station Bar & Grill, 23944 Co. Rd. 98, Woodland CA 95695:

Peter J. Fazzare and Claire E. Fazzare, 23944 Co. Rd. 98, Woodland, CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Peter J. Fazzare

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Date: Mar 27, 2002
by: /s/Vikki Wittig , Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 12, 2002
File No. 2002-327

The following person is doing business as West Sacramento Wrestling Clinic, 2888 Sawbills Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

William W. Schmalzel, same address as above.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-15-2002.

/s/William W. Schmalzel

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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'ACROSS THE BRIDGE'

Events around the region

Geranium club meets

The Sacramento Geranium Club will hold a sale and show on May 11-12 at the Sacramento Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard in Sacramento. Hundreds of varieties of geraniums, including a good selection of rare and seldom available collectors plants will be on display. For more information, call 922-0502.

Koi pond tour

The Camellia Koi Club will hold their 7th Koi Pond Tour on May 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at 212 Oxleign Way in Folsom, and 1714 Calle Campana in Roseville. Those who attend will visit 11 koi ponds from 2000 to 20,000 gallons in Granite Bay, Loomis, Lincoln, and Rocklin. For more information, call 922-2525.

Woodcarving exhibit and sale

The Capital Woodcarver Association will hold an exhibit and sale on May 4th and 5th at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street in Sacramento. There will be a woodcarving competition, silent auction, hourly woodcarved door prizes, whittling contests, and a food court. Parking is free, admission is $5, and doors open at 9 a.m. For more information, call 392-4765.

Genealogical association meeting

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on May 15th at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. Visitors and members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Antique show

Sunrise Mall's Spring Antiques Show and Sale runs May 16-19. Major exhibits will include an outstanding selection of glass, china, porcelains and pottery; American and European furniture and furnishings; and vintage jewelry, watches and accessories. For more information, contact the Sunrise Mall at 961-7150.

Wild horse & burro adoption

The US Bureau of Land Management will host a wild

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River Cats

The River Cats (11-13) return home this week for a long home stand. The Gatos will play 16 of their next 20 games at home. The Cats are planning a great Cinco de Mayo weekend celebration starting with fire works night on Saturday, May 4(superscript: th) and Kids Day on Sunday, May 5. The River Cats will be showing Kings playoff action during the River Cats games on the Raley Field video board. Need tickets call (916) 766-2277.

Boxing News

West Sacramento's lightweight contender, Juan Lazcano, was forced to drop out of his May 16 ESPN bout against Javier Juaregui (45-10, 35 KO's) of Mexico City. Promoter Don Chargin will use local fighters to fill out the card.

The fight of the year will be on he next night, May 17 as Willie Jorrin (28-0-1, 12 KO's) defends his WBC super-bantamweight title against No.1 contender Israel Vazquez (33-2, 25 KO's) of Mexico.

Another West Sacramento fighter, Gilbert Martinez, will fight on the undercard at the Gold Country Casino in Oroville on May 3. The 12-round main event will feature Cosme Rivera and Wilfredo Negron for Rivera's IBA title.

See ya next week!

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tal Koell and Nareeta Singh, also dominated their opponents. The most impressive match on the boys side was turned in by Marith Khem in his 6-1,6-1 win at #2 boys singles.

Against Dixon, Lattasima dropped just two games and R.C.'s #1 boys singles player Sokhear Touch lost only one. The mixed doubles pair of Danny Beus and Mai Ker Yang (10-3) and the top girls doubles duo of Saelee and Nikki Hansen (10-2) also played well.

The busy week concluded with a trip to the annual Quincy Invitational Tournament. Competing against some of the top teams from up north, the Raiders took home the championship for the seventh straight year.

Beus had an amazing weekend, taking both the boys singles and doubles titles. Lattasima took home the first place trophy in girls singles for the second straight year. Her older sisters, Douangchanh (1998) and Khonesavanh (1999 and 2000) also won titles while competing for the Raiders, and overall it was the seventh consecutive year that a girl from River City has brought home the singles title as Meuy Saechao won in 1996 and 1997.

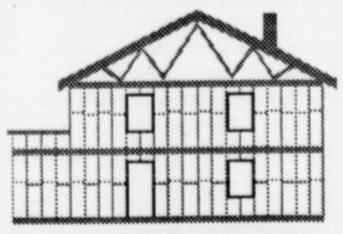
The Raiders conclude the 2002 regular season this week with home matches against Vanden and Lindhurst. River City is 13 and 0 in league thus far, just a match ahead of second place Vanden.

Overall this season, River City is 22 and 0.

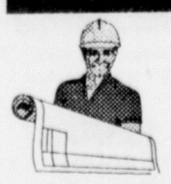


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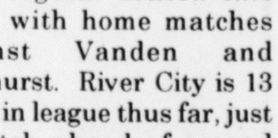
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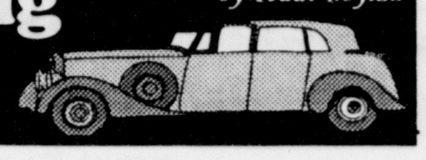


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Touring with Teddi

by Teddi Boylan



Columnist Teddi Boylan brings you her recommendations of places to dine and places to visit in the greater West Sacramento area. Her travels include both stops at our advertisers' establishments and other institutions. Enjoy!

Having six adult children, their spouses, 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild means I get lots of company. Especially on holidays such as Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Knowing some of my children would be staying over here in West Sacramento, I hit the West Capitol Ave. trail to find temporary lodging for them. I was drawn to the Echo Lodge and its pristine cleanliness. Not only is the exterior sparkling-clean, but the rooms are, too. Bob Patel, the owner, showed me a typical room, with its king-size bed, 25-inch TV (free HBO), and small freezer. The room rates are $40-$55 per night. There's plenty of parking, and non-smoking rooms. Just the place for a family or businessperson to stay, since they have a data port on the phones for your computer.

Echo Lodge: 1810 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA; (916) 371-5052.

While my friend Connie and I were down on the Delta, we made it a point to stop in at the Freeport Inn just opposite the Freeport Marina.

It was about 4 p.m. on a sunny Sunday afternoon, and there were some customers sitting in the rear patio, soaking up the sun and enjoying liquid libations and appetizer plates. Some were under large umbrellas near a large water fountain.

The bar was crowded as usual with boat owners from the marina, returning fishermen, and the usual tourists. The Freeport Bar & Grill has been a fixture on the Delta for years. My friend Linda McCurry had her boat moored on the marina, and we spent many a pleasant day with pleasant companions at Freeport Bar & Grill.

Their appetizer menu ranges from $3.95 for crispy onion rings to $9.95 for a sampler platter. Salads are $6.95 for a classic Caesar to $9.95 for a stuffed avocado. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., ranging from $6.95 for the special to $13.95 for a scrumptious steak sandwich. Dinners from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. are $12.95 to $18.95 (prime rib, Saturday & Sunday only). Great desserts are $3.95 to $5.95.

Freeport Bar & Grill: 8259 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento; (916) 665-1169.

I know many of you have seen the "under new ownership/management" sign above the Silver Spur Lounge on West Capitol Ave. the new owners, Pat Meyers and Dave Costello, are working like beavers, scrubbing, cleaning, painting and generally renovating the whole place.

These are definitely hands-on owners. The Silver Spur Lounge will continue to be the same lively place it once was, but more so. Two brand-new coin operated pool tables have been installed, and the Spur features live music every other Friday & Saturday, and a d.j. on alternating weekends. Let's not forget the karaoke every Thursday.

All the entertainment you could want starts at 8 p.m. and goes until. . .?

They do expect to be serving food again by mid-May. Drop in and make the new owners feel welcome, and be sure to say hello to pretty day-bartender Connie. There's plenty of parking.

Silver Spur Lounge: 2125 West Capitol Ave.; 374-9155.

Once again, Morrison's Upstairs Downstairs restaurant in Woodland is serving a great Mother's Day meal. You can enjoy the sunshine on the outdoor patio or dine in the formal dining room on the third floor (elevator for your convenience), or even downstairs in their fabulous bar area. Or perhaps you want to bring Mom a bottle of premium wine or a basket of goodies from their First Street Deli. Whatever the special occasion, Morrison's will rise to the occasion.

Morrison's Restaurant: First & Bush streets in Woodland; (530) 666-6176.

Mama mia, we can't forget Vince's Restaurant on this important holiday. The warm and welcoming atmosphere of Vince's makes any celebration a great affair, and Victor Talani, the manager, makes sure you leave as a contented customer.

Vince's Restaurant, 840 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento; 371-6395.

I'm said to say that "Michael's Bus," which was to have raised approximately $1,000 for Michael's transplant fund, has been canceled. It seems that some people thought the $60 tax-deductible contribution was too much money for a fun bus to Reno.

What's your favorite place to visit or eat? Drop Teddi a line c/o the News-Ledger!

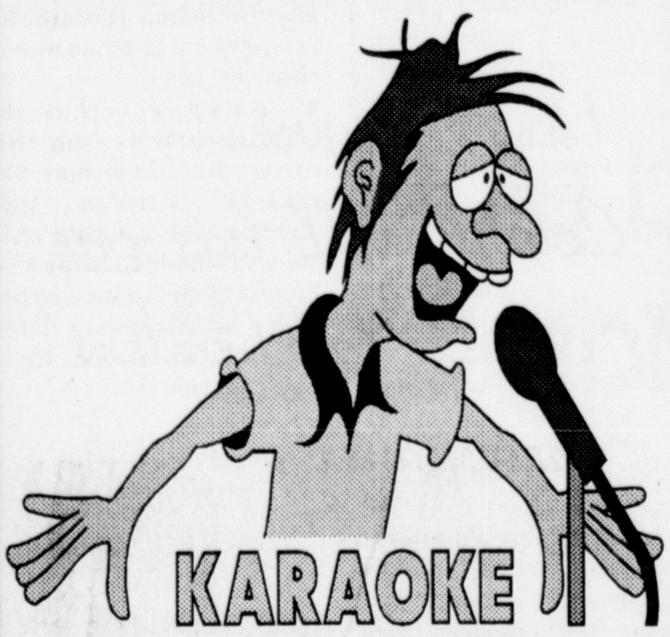
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Updates and Briefs

Annual Career Fair cancelled

Due to renovation and modernization the annual Career Fair will not be held this year.

" Mr. Piña, Mrs.Rodland and I were trying to find a place on campus to make this year's
Career Fair possible. Some of our ideas included the parking lot, but we realized that many cars parked there, and in front of the school but that seemed out of place," said secretary Mrs. Beeskau.

These renovations will occupy the areas where the fair is normally held, and because of safety concerns it has been postponed until May 15, 2003.

"Next year the Career Fair will be bigger and better, because we will invite new presenters, which we hope students will enjoy," added Mrs. Beeskau.

By Liliana Reyes

RC's Hip-Hop dance team cancelled

Formerly known as BSU, River City's Hip-Hop Dance Team was cancelled. River City's policy of a 2.0 grade point average or above was one of the main reasons for the cancellation of the Hip- Hop Dance Team. Many of the students were unable to meet the school's requirements.

" The goal for next year is to have another Hip-Hop Dance Team," said Ms. Clark, the adviser. Ms. Clark hopes that next year's team will promote and encourage academic success for the student dancers.

By Taylor Turner

River Cats tickets awarded to students

On April 19 as a reward for having good grades Mr. Allen offered free tickets to CSF members to watch the River Cats vs. Las Vegas. Unfortunately, Las Vegas defeated the River Cats 5-1. "Every little kid's dream is to play major league baseball, so it is fun to watch others fulfill their dreams, like the River Cats," said Jon Daniel who attended the game.

By Liliana Reyes

RC students observed Day of Silence

On April 10 some of River City's students observed a Day of Silence to protest the discrimination and treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teens. The idea was to draw attention to the silence that many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students suffer each day of their lives. River City was among the 1600 high schools and colleges across the U.S. who participated. Participants took this vow of silence and handed out cards to explain why they were not speaking. Some students at River City participated encouraging other classmates to also take a vow of silence. This seems to have been much more successful than most people anticipated. Many people were curious why students were not speaking, even after they were handed an information card, and they continued to ask questions days after the observance. This year's Day of Silence was very impromptu.

By Krystle Parkison and Shannon Rivers Holme

'Cultural diversity highly showcased' at RC's Open House



Heather Van Dorean,left, with her mother, sister, and Allison Heinz examine a science experiment at Open House.

By Taylor Turner
Staff Writer

River City's diversity was expressed in the well-attended 2002 Open House, "United We Stand." . The evening started with a buffet of multicultural foods in the cafeteria. Next, parents and students interacted with teachers in the classrooms, the library, and gym where students' work was displayed and demonstrations were presented.

There were a number of performances representing a variety of cultures. Mrs. Broxton, assistant principal and Courtney Yeargin, ASB president, did the Welcome and Introduction. The first performance was the national anthem, which was performed by the River City Symphonic Band directed by Mrs. Allegar. The band also played "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Kia Parsons was the vocalist

Hmong and Mexican dancers entertained the parents, students, and teachers during the evening. "The Gettysburg Address" was recited in English and Spanish. Mr. Fogle directed his sophomore students in a recitation of "I Have a Dream," followed by a Russian translation. The Russian Chorus sang "The Birch Tree" and "Closer to You." Mr. Ferris directed freshman students in the poem from the Statue of Liberty, followed by a French translation.

One of the last events was the recognition of Academically Excellent students who in turn recognized twelve Teachers of Excellence, teachers who had a positive influence on them. The band played "Stars and Stripes Forever", and the very last recital of the night was of a poem on unity read by parent Tom Harris and Bonnie Broxton, assistant principal.

"Cultural diversity was highly showcased at this year's Open House. It was a great show!" said Terri Turner, parent of a River City student.

RC students participate in Cyber High

New computer software program offers credit recovery opportunity to River City students

By Ivy Branaman
Editor

At the end of February 20 River City students began participating in a program named Cyber High. Cyber High is a computer software program that offers coursework similar to what is assigned in a regular class. Students can use the program to recover credits they didn't receive because of an " F " grade in a class. Students may utilize the program if they received a "D" and need a "C" or higher for admission to a CSU or UC school.

> *"It's not as easy as night school. There's a considerable amount of work to complete the class."*
> *Ms. Cain*

A preview of Cyber High was sent to RC counselors who liked it and decided to particpate in its pilot program. Cyber High is funded by a government grant given to Fresno Unified School District.

Counselors referred students they though would benefit from Cyber High's credit recovery opportunity. Students who participate in the program submit their work electronically to Fresno High School which grades the work and return the graded work electronically to the student.

Credits are given to students through Fresno High School, but River City receives a hard copy of all graded work and test scores. Ms. Cain teaches the 20 student class Monday through Thursday for one hour.

"Most [Cyber High] courses do take a semester to complete. It's not as easy as night school. There's a considerable amount of work to complete the class," Ms. Cain commented.

Senior Jesus Castro needed to make up math credits to graduate and chose Cyber High over night school.

Jesus balances two jobs and admitted, "I don't have time for night school." He also noted that the Cyber High coursework is challenging.

Cyber High's benefits have not gone unnoticed. While the program may not be free next year, Ms. Cain hopes that if it is reasonably priced, students will be able to participate in the program next semester.

Rule barring cell phone use on campus 'outdated' says student

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

So many rules, so little sense. That is the feeling many students at River City seem to experience when reviewing the school policies. Many don't realize that many of these rules are statewide laws. One of the most controversial of these, especially in the current era of technology, would be a law passed in 1988. This law, infamous to many teens, bans all electronic signaling devices such as cell phones, pagers, and Palm Pilots in high school campuses. Originally, it was created to help stop drug sales on school campuses, but with technology advancing, the law is beginning to seem outdated.

> *"I would feel safer if I could have my cell phone at school."*
> *Jennifer Hoffman*

Many students agree with freshman Ashika Singh who said "It's an outdated law, everyone carries a cell phone or beeper now!" Sophomore Katy Butz agreed, saying, "Almost everyone carries something electronic, even with the law."

Apparently these feelings are statewide. Groups of students from various high schools decided to attempt to abolish this state law. They convinced two assembly members and a state senator to propose formal bills to the Assembly.

The basis for their argument is safety. They used the Columbine High School shootings as an example where cell phones were used to save lives, along with pointing out that cell phones were also crucial in sending warnings during the September terrorist attacks. Sophomore Jennifer Hoffman supported this. "I would feel safer if I could have my cell phone at school," she said.

The bill passed the Assembly on a 73-0 vote on January 30th, but still has a long way to go. Its next stop will be to be reviewed by the Senate Education Committee. If the proposal does pass, individual school districts will be able to set their own policies regarding cell phone use. Most students, including as sophomore Mouveen Kumar agree that, "cell phones should be allowed, but as long as kids don't use them in class."

*Please see **Cell Phones**, pg 4*

SAT9 testing to take place next week

By Ivy Branaman
Editor

Number 2 pencils will be passed out to less than enthusiastic students. Students, will, undoubtedly, be watching the clock to answer the question, "How much longer?" It is again time for River City freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to take the dreaded SAT9 and California Standards tests.

The tests, however, are more significant than some students may realize. A new state program called Scholar Share rewards students whose SAT9 scores are in the top ten percent of their class with a $1,000 scholarship. 86 students received the scholarships last year (please see page 3 for this year's recipients).

In addition to scholarship money, the test provides the state with a measure of high schools' success in teaching students. The Academic Performance Index, or API, is a ranking system used to compare schools, 1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest. RC ranks a 4 when compared to all schools in the state; however, when compared to schools of similar socioeco-

*Please see **SAT9 Testing**, pg. 4*

Seniors accepted to universities

Fifty-six River City seniors were accepted to four-year universities, the most ever for River City. Congratulations!

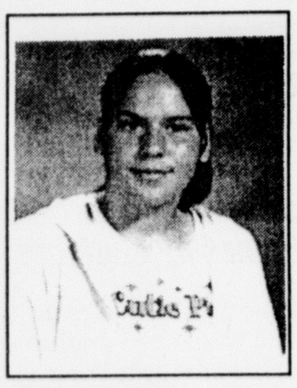
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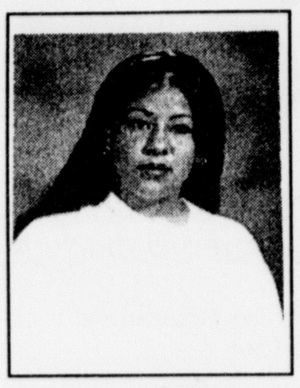
Question in the Quad

The Review asked River City students, "If you were given the chance to choose the theme of your prom, what would you pick?" Responses varied from animation to costume balls, from Hollywood stars to novelty recording stars.



"Spongebob Squarepants."

Alesia Valenti
Freshman



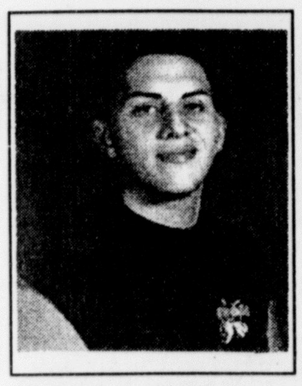
" Hollywood Stars, and dress up like our favorite artists. That would be cool."

Luz Roman
Sophomore



"It should be a masquerade ball so no one would know each other."

Elizabeth Sexton
Junior



"Alvin and the Chipmunks!"

David Garcia
Senior

Cinco de Mayo spirit comes to River City

By Elizah Jimenez and Liliana Reyes
Staff Writers

Uno, dos, tres, cuatro...Cinco de Mayo is almost here! A time of family, fun, and celebration. Let's go back in time and see how it all began. Cinco de Mayo is a national Mexican holiday that helps us remember the military victory of Mexico over France in the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Wow, that was a long time ago! Mexicans are still celebrating it today. Cinco de mayo is remembered as the day Mexicans stood up to the Europeans' power. In the U.S.A, it has become a day to also celebrate Mexican heritage.

Cinco de Mayo is NOT the Mexican day of independence, even though some people think it is. Mexican day of independence is September 16. It represents the day Mexico gained it's independence from colonial Spain. Cinco de Mayo is usually celebrated with salsa music, games, fireworks, and Mexican food. In Mexico, they dress up as peasant soldiers and French troops and act out the battle. Cities and towns decorate their houses and streets with either fake or real flowers. It has been celebrated over 100 years, so lets keep it going!

Here at River City, the Mexican cultural group, M.E.Ch.A will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 6 during both lunches. First, the M.E.Ch.A leaders will explain the meaning of Cinco de Mayo and welcome everyone. The meal will consist of carnitas, tortillas, beans, Spanish rice, and napales, a traditional cactus salad that includes tomatoes, green peppers, and cilantro. For beverages, there will be orchata, which is a watered rice drink, and jamaica, made from a dry red flower. There will also be a strawberry drink. This meal will cost $4.00, and the money will benefit future field trips for M.E.Ch.A members.

Entertainment will include the radio station La Que Buena, and Aztec dancers "Danzantes del Alma"provided by UC Davis M.E.Ch.A members. River City Latina students will dance cumbia. Cinco de Mayo is here; let's give little cheer. Cinco de Mayo is fun, its fun for everyone! Viva la fiesta!

Students participate in iris project

Biology classes learn about hybridizing with help from Ms. DeCorse and friends

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

Have you noticed the iris inside the cage between the girls' locker room and the gym? Are they trapped? Do they contain some kind of deadly disease? No, no of course not. Some of River City's staff and students have been working with the Local Iris Hybridizing Project. Ms. DeCorse organized the event and received help from Mrs. Patty Michaels, Larry Laurer and Mrs. McAllistar and a few of her students who are using this project to learn more about genetic hybridizing in their biology classes. They took seeds from different colored irises and grew them to make a crossbred iris.

Ms. DeCourse explained that while the project was a lot of hard work, involving weeding and working with the soil to make it acceptable for the flowers to grow in, it was also a lot of fun. The students, who included Nai Kua Saetern, Wendy Voronkoumanh, and Richelle Orcutt, and staff, also received some benefits for their hard work. They learned about irises, they got to take home flower stalks for a bouquet at home and they were able to select the iris you can see growing now at River City to take home as well.

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— Our Voices —

Review staff looked at the topic of testing this month, and to no one's surprise, they felt that there may just be too much of it.

It's spring; that means love, prom, and testing

Everybody dreads that time of the year. Spring. While Spring is a great time for sports, prom, and falling in love, something else always follows. Testing. Yes, it is here once again. SAT 9's, proficiency exams, placement tests, golden state exams, and scholastic letter exams.

These tests are supposed to tell us how much we have learned and how we compare to other students across the state and in the nation. But, how can one test show everything you have learned and all the work you put in during the year? Many people get nervous during these times of testing and therefore don't do as well as they can on them.

What about all the classwork and homework you have spent doing? What about the essays and tests you take in class?

By Krystle Parkison

So many tests overwhelming

Writing proficiency, reading proficiency, math proficiency, Advanced Placement tests, finals and many other tests, high school students have to take. There are too many tests that have to be taken. It's not fair. Tests are too overwhelming. It's acceptable to have a few tests such as those that show how well the students of River City High are doing. But some tests are unnecessary. An example would be quizzes or tests we have to take when we are done with a chapter. If a student fails a subject, it probably means this student either doesn't want to do his or her work or they just don't get it. But how does a test help when it's the same thing we have been learning about?

The sophomore class of 2004 has to pass the High School Exit Exam (HSEE), which concentrates on math and English. The class of 2004 must pass the (HSEE) to graduate from high school. What is that? With the HSEE that's more stress on us students. We have to pass high school proficiency tests, plus we have to take certain classes in order to get into a four-year college. And we need 240 credits in order to graduate from River City high school. I think it's way too overwhelming for a high school student to take so many tests.

By Manorma Umaria

Tests determine too much

Birds chirping, flowers blooming and a fresh breeze blowing, the ideal season to be out in the sunshine: spring. Yet along with this season come proficiencies, SATs, placements, STAR testing, exit exams, AP exams, and finals . So many tests. Are they really *all* necessary? Many cover the same topics: math, English, and basic history and science.

It is doubtful that the number of tests will ever decrease; rather, it may even increase . State officials institute more and more tests to see what high school students know, but they fail to ever note the circumstances that surround their tests.

I feel that the tests determine far too much in a young adult's future. So many tests can be overwhelming, and result in lower test scores. I myself have three days of SAT testing, followed by an AP exam, and to complicate the situation further, in the midst of this testing is my birthday, sweet sixteen.

Come on, how many teenage girls are going to spend their 16th birthday under a mountain of books?

The pressure is purely smothering to someone who in society is considered just an "irresponsible teen." I don't understand. If society feels that we aren't old enough to handle certain frightening movies until the age of 18, then how can they expect us to handle all these tests they're throwing at us? What could be more frightening than the pressure of these tests?

By Shalini Sumeshwar

Broken bus causes sports confusion

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

Throughout April, R.C.'s students experienced cancellations of field trips and confusion on transportation to sporting events. One example of this was in mid-April when there was only one bus supplied to take both the baseball and swim teams to their destination. The problem was they were traveling in different directions. Luckily the swim team was able to pack into cars and make it to their destination on time.

It seems the lack of transportation was due to a broken-down bus and our growing school district. Ms. Rodland, who coordinates and organizes many of our school's field trips, said, "We only have one extra bus for activity use and this month we had one of our buses break down. All buses were forced to stay to transport kids to and from school, which is the first priority. On top of that we only have four drivers to run field trips and activities, and now we have one less."

This series of events put a serious strain on traveling arrangements at River City. Most groups were lucky enough to work around the problems, but some were forced to cancel and hope for a chance to reschedule. Why not get more buses, you may ask? "We have a very small budget and buses are so expensive," commented Ms. Rodland. Ms. Rodland said that the problem seems to be fixed and now the trips are slowly being rescheduled.

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*students scoring in top 5% statewide

Prom takes months of preparation and a whole lot of money

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

It's the most special night of your high school life. It takes months of preparation, a group of people to go with, and a whole lot of money. That's right, I'm talking about prom night. Prom is very special, but most people don't realize the amount of planning, time, and money that goes into making it special.

When you stop to think about it, it's extremely expensive to go to prom. The bids here at River City are $35 dollars each. Then you add in the money for the tuxedo ($70 to $90 for the night), the dress (prices range from $70 to $180), shoes ($20 to $40 dollars), and jewelry (prices range anywhere from $10 to $40 for the "essentials"). That bill would add up to between $240 and $720 for a couple. That's a lot of money for just one night. But that's not even all that most people get.

Other options that many people choose are pictures ($40 to $70), renting a limo or other luxury vehicle ($150 to $300, on average), and dinner ($20 to $70 on average). That boosts the bill another $210 to $440.

That brings the grand total to between $450 and $1170! Granted, not just one person would pay for everything, and some costs would be divided among several people, such as the limo, but it is still much more expensive than most people might think.

Most juniors and seniors are looking forward to prom night. Many of them are also stressed out because of the financial situation and last minute plans But don't think this is discouraging them from going, more people are deciding to go each day, even as prom is approaching in less than a week. And the truth is, no matter how much Prom costs, students will always find a way to pay.

RC's basketball MVP nicknamed 'Li'l Man'

By Taylor Turner
Staff Writer

David " Li'l Man" Garcia, a 6'4" senior at River City High School, was one of the standout players on the basketball team. David was selected for GEL's all-league team and was River City's M.V.P for the 2001-2002 season. David was number four in rebounds in the Sacramento area.

David has played basketball for River City both years he has gone here. He plays the forward position with skills like a point guard and post moves like a center.

David was born in Woodland on December 23, 1983. He got the name "Li'l Man" from his doctor at birth because he weighed 10 pounds and the doctor said, " This isn't a baby, this is a little man."

David says his dad is his role model because he works two jobs and does what he must do to support his family.

> *"I was born to be a star."*
> *David Garcia*

David was able to describe his personality in one word: " outgoing." He listens to many different types of music and says he loves it all. David's favorite subject in school is English because, he said, " I like to extend my vocabulary."

In Li'l Man's spare time he likes to play basketball, play video games, and hang out with his numerous friends.

David's friends make a big impact on him and all of his personal decisions, he said. His closest friends are Greg Mistler and Jon Daniel, who are both seniors at River City High School.

David says he plans to go to a junior college in the Sacramento area, and he plans to play basketball in college, as well.

Asked what it feel's like to have your name in the paper, David replied, " It feels normal. I was born to be a star."

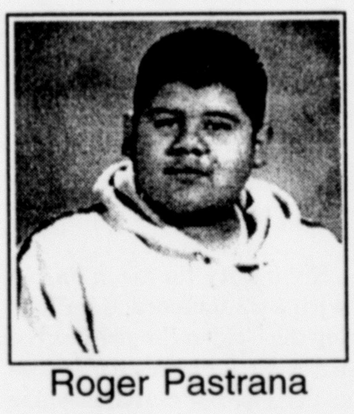
RV students grieve loss of Roger Pastrana

By Taylor Turner
Staff Writer

Roger Pastrana, former River City student, passed away on April 5. Roger was a freshman at River City. Many students were grieving after Roger's passing. Roger's funeral was on April 12, and many students were present.

River City's Youth Alive group sponsored a Roger Pastrana Memorial Fundraiser. After three days of fundraising, Youth Alive received over $200. His friends, family, teachers, and classmates will definitely miss Roger Pastrana.

David Ahmad, freshman at River City, said, "Roger was a very nice, and caring friend. Many wishes be with him."



Roger Pastrana

RC junior runner-up in California's Letters About Literature Contest

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

With one of the highest GPAs at River City, junior Daniel Reynolds has earned a new honor. Being in Mrs. Green's English class, he was required to enter California's Letters About Literature 2002 contest.

Each year the California State Library and California Center for the Book join together to create a booklet composed of the best letters entered in the contest. The contest is open to all students.

Daniel decided to take this year's topic of inspiration and direct his letter to the late, great Tupac Shakur. "I believe that he was inspirational to many young people growing up in difficult conditions," said Daniel. His faith in his topic was clear in his essay, so much so that he was selected the Level II runner-up of the competition. (Level II meaning competitors in 7th –12th grades.)

Along with the title comes a $150 cash prize and an invitation to the exclusive Letters About Literature awards ceremony on May 16. "Of course I'm going to the ceremony" he said. "It's not everyday I get published."

Author Marilyn Reynolds visits River City Campus

By Pedro Melendez
Staff Writer

River City recently hosted Marilyn Reynolds, author of a series of true to-life teen novels including *If You Loved Me* and *Too Soon For Jeff*. Mrs: Reynolds gave several presentations on her books, life and interests.

Mrs. Reynolds taught high school English for many years. Asked if she had always wanted to be a teacher, she said, " I wanted to be a cowboy, but when I learned I could only be a cowgirl, I gave up on that dream.

I hated school. I did not think I wanted to be a student much less a teacher in high school. What I did know was that I loved stories and I loved to read."

When she first started writing her first teen novel *Telling,* Mrs. Reynolds sent her manuscript to "eight or nine" publishing companies before it was published.

When she wrote her first book, she would bring her manuscript to class in a "big green notebook."

She said, "Students delighted in pointing out errors in spelling or punctuation. Sometimes a student would tell me, 'This part is stupid', or 'I don't think Cassie would act like this.' Often I rewrote a section, or changed dialogue, based on students' insights."

She then went on to write six more novels including *Too Soon For Jeff*, which became an after school special starring Freddy Prince, Junior, and Jessica Alba.

Mrs. Reynolds recently went to China to promote her books being released there in Chinese translation. Copies of Marilyn Reynolds' novels are available in the library for checkout.

College Acceptances

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UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara
Katie Harris: CSUS, CSU Chico, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz
Mujitaba Hassanpur: CSUS
Kaz Hawkins: CSUS
Cynthia Hernandez: CSUS
Jessica Holsey: San Francisco Art Institute
Jeremiah Hunt: Portland State, Montana Northern, University of Nevada Reno
Michelle Jones: UC Davis, UC San Diego
Crystal Koell: CSUS, CSU Chico, UC Davis, UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley
Andrew Konstantinov: CSUS, UC Davis
Sergey Kvitko: CSUS
Keonakone Lattasima: CSUS, CSU San Diego, UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz
Olesya Litovka: CSUS, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley
Vasiliy Lopuga: CSUS, UC Davis
Alex Macias: CSUS, University of La Verne
Marc Magdaleno: CSUS, CSU Chico
Stephen Marquez: CSUS
Alex Matthews: CSUS, CSU Chico, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego
Erica Medina: CSUS
Sarah Metzer: UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego
Greg Mistler: CSU Chico, UC Davis
Andrew Montana: Seattle Art Institute
Danielle Myers: CSU Chico, CSU San Diego, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara
Manivanh Nanthavongsa: CSUS
Rachel Oliver: CSU Long Beach, CSU Humboldt, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara
Daniel Perez: CSU Chico
Angel Quintero: Dominican College
Omar Quintero: CSUS, UC Riverside
Norma Rios: CSUS, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz
Erik Rodriguez: CSU San Francisco, CSU San Jose
Victor Rodriguez: UC Davis
Frankie Rodriguez: CSUS
Elizabeth Rosas: CSUS, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz
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Shevelini Surat: CSUS
Leslee Thompson: CSU Chico, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Irvine
Kelsey West: CSUS
Michael Westervelt: UC Davis
Courtney Yeargin: CSU San Jose, CSU San Diego, Southern Oregon Unversity

Sports and Activities

Varsity swimming season ends; four qualify for sections

By Ivy Branaman
Editor

"Even though our record isn't that good, we improved our times and worked together as a team," swim team member junior Rachel Federighi remarked.

The varsity girls swim team ended the season with a 6-6 record. The team lost meets to Rio Vista, Dixon, and Marysville, but defeated San Juan, Lindhurst, and Winters. The girls team included Jenna Alander, Heather Bennett, Chelsea Box, Ivy Branaman, Anna Cheechov, Chelsea Farnworth, Rachel Federighi, Pam Laguna, Heather Le Blanc, Danielle Myers, Edwina Nasario, Stacey Paige, Krista Penney, Allysa Share, and Hadley Sulpizio.

The varsity boys swim team, however, ended with a 2-10 record and defeated only San Juan. Jason De Mars, Jeremiah Hunt, Justin Hunt, and Chris Shill were the only members of the boys team. The teams were coached by Jennifer Leifson and Leesa Aragon.

The team ended the season at the April 26-27 G.E.L. League Championships in Dixon. The girls team placed fourth, defeating San Juan and Winters, but losing to Dixon, Rio Vista, and Marysville. The boys team also placed fourth, defeating Winters and Lindhurst, but losing to Rio Vista, Marysville, and Dixon.

Stacey Paige, Jenna Alander, Ivy Branaman, and Danielle Myers qualified for San Joaquin sections with a time of 2:09.97 in the 200 yard medley relay on April 26. Anna Cheechov, Danielle Myers, Jenna Alander, and Stacey Paige qualified for San Joaquin sections in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:52.18 on April 26.

"I'm very excited that the varsity relay made sections after three years of hard work," relay member Stacey Paige commented. Stacey qualified for the 200-yard freestyle, an individual event, for San Joaquin sections with a qualifying time of 2:09.57. Sections will be held May 9 at Tokay High School.

According to Coach Leifson, though, the section qualifiers were not the only team members who worked hard. "Most of the team worked really hard to improve their times," Coach Leifson said.

Girls soccer well underway and mastering ball movement

By Taylor Turner
Staff Writer

The head coach of this years J.V. team is Mr. Restivo and the co-coach is Memo Villegas. This year's team consists of Vianna Bigornia, Lupita Zuniga, Regina Lopez, Laurie Hagler, Wendy Vorakaimanh, Cristina Gonzales, Vanessa Maldonado, Katy Butz, Kristy Ramirez, Monique Rodriguez, Analley Arias, Kristy Read, Jenipher Johnson, Haylee Gould, April Ynostroza, and Danialle Vasquez. Leading scorers on this year's team are April Ynostroza and Lupita Zuniga.

"This year's team has a lot of talent. We also have great ball movement," said Coach Restivo. "Hopefully we can overcome our bad luck with scoring. The girls play hard and never give up," he added. The J.V. girls have a home game today, May 1. The J.V. action kicks off at 5:30.

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

The whistle blows and the varsity soccer players rush jovially off the field. "What's happening?" I ask cluelessly. "It's half time!" one of them explains with a smile. The Raiders were tied with Lincoln zero to zero at the half.

"I think we play better than most teams we play against, we just don't score," explained Coach Restivo.

He went on to explain that his team is very talented, and they move the ball well. Coach Restivo believes their only weakness is not being able to score.

And while this is a very good team, you won't be hearing their record from Coach Restivo anytime soon. "I don't keep track of that. It's just not important to me," he said on his way out to practice. This coach is only interested in how well his team plays, no matter what the final score is.

Coach Restivo is also very pleased with his team's attitude. "We play hard, never give up.... Maybe we can overcome that (not being able to score) and have a better second half of the season than the first half," he said about his varsity girls.

The coach also made known his appreciation of his team's improvement from last year and the fact that they almost always have close games.

Come out and support the varsity girls' soccer team today.

Softball possesses potential for playoffs

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

This year's varsity softball team looks to make it to playoffs by defeating Marysville and taking the third and final open spot left in the playoffs. Several players agree that they have what it takes to get to playoffs. Ashley Ogilvie, Desiree Lopez, and Danielle McKenzie believe that "we have the determination, we work well together, and we have great coaching."

"We have really started to trust each other, work hard and come together," commented Katie Koell.

"We have had our ups and downs, but right now we are improving greatly," said Desiree and Ashley.

The Lady Raiders are 9-overall, their largest victory of the season being 31-1 over Valley Christian Academy on April 1. On April 2 at Sacramento they won 10-0. On April 9 at San Juan they lost in a close game 2-3. They continued successfully, winning three out of their next five games.

The Raiders end their regular season on May 9, with their final game at Lincoln. Following shortly after that could be a trip to the post-season playoffs for R.C.'s varsity softball players.

Results of their game against the Vanden Vikings yesterday were not available at press time.

R.C. tennis on top in GEL, 22-0

By Pedro Melendez
Staff writer

River City tennis is on top with a 22-0 record, dominating the Golden Empire League this year, with only a few close calls. The big matches so far this year were Colfax and Vanden. "The other teams are not very difficult. Colfax and Vanden are two of the toughest schools," said Coach Brooks.

Coach Brooks has a tradition. Every year for the big Colfax match RC tennis players must be dressed in a Colfax school color, which is dark green. Coach Brooks is a bit superstitious when it comes to playing Colfax, always a major competitor, For the past few years, most of the Colfax tennis squad was offended to see that a rival team was wearing more of their school color than they were. The stunt did not faze the competition this year, however, and the match proved to be difficult for RC. River City squeaked by with a 5-4 win.

River City played Vanden in March, which resulted in a tough River City victory. On Tuesday, the G.E.L title match was held here between River City and Vanden. The results of the match were not available at press time.

Playoffs likely for varsity baseball

By Manorma Umaria
Staff Writer

Varsity baseball is 8-2 in league and overall 12-4 as of April 25. Playoffs will be in the middle May. It's very likely that varsity will make playoffs this year. Asked what he felt the team needed to work on, Coach Seffens responded, "We need to get stronger at pitching and need to score more runs." The score of the game on April 30th against Vanden at Vanden was not available at press time. Their next home game will be against Marysville on May 7th. So be sure to come out and support your Raiders!

Golf earns third league championship in a row

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

R.C.'s golf team has taken another league championship, ending their season 28-6 in league. This is their third league championship in a row. "Our team really played at a championship level. They over achieved, and with so much youth on this year's team, we played better than anybody expected us to. We played like champions," said Head Coach Hanagan.

This year's team had only three returning players. Five out of seven starting players were underclassmen, three freshmen: Rosendo Garcia, D.J. West, and Matt Oliver; and two sophomores: Joey Avalos and Will McCall. "Our success is due to a number of our young players who stepped up and played like veterans, making up for the non-returning players. This should make for a very strong team next year with the returning players," commented Coach Hanagan.

> *"Our success is due to a number of our young players who stepped up and played like veterans..."*
> *~Coach Hanagan*

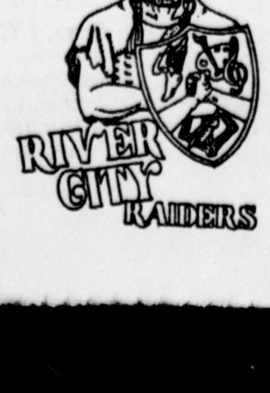
These players also took second place in the first league tournament with a score of 420. "There is no doubt that this team and its players have achieved a mentality of self-satisfaction and they should be proud of their accomplishments," said Coach Hanagan.

Cell phones--- from page one

Some do believe that allowing cell phones at school would only be a distraction to everyone. What with the borrowing of phones and forgetting to turn them off, a strong argument can be made by opposers. English teacher Mr. Engoron feels that "phones are not needed, nor are they beneficial, because any urgent message can be sent through the office. Cell phones are an obvious distraction. Columbine doesn't happen everyday."

With efforts being made to make cell phones on high school campuses legal, the percentage of students currently breaking the law is not surprising. An informal *Review* survey indicated that about 64% of the students attending River City carry either a cell phone or pager. An average of 93% know someone on campus who possesses one or the other. Many of these students have never been caught, and claim that if given the right to use cell phones in school, they wouldn't abuse it.

As for now, the law is still the same: no electronic devices on campus.



SAT9 testing---from page one

-ecomonic status, student population, and ethnicity, River City ranks a 7. It is important for RC students to take the tests seriously and try because RC's test scores must improve each year or the state may step in and resort to drastic measures such as taking over the school.

RC students' reading scores have traditionally been lower than their math scores. RC principal Mr. Geivett remarked, "Math, even if you don't speak the language, is easier to do than reading." Mr. Geivett suggested that a number of factors may contribute to RC's low test scores including the language barriers many students must overcome as well as the test not being taken seriously enough by students.

> *"Math, even if you don't speak the language, is easier to do than reading."*
> *~Mr. Geivett*

RC, however, has taken a few steps to boost test scores. The mandatory seven periods placed on freshmen and sophomores are part of that effort. Students should be working on test-taking skills in the classroom according to Mr. Geivett. The school will also hold assemblies and/or rallies in an effort to increase awareness and enthusiasm.

Students will pick up number 2 pencils next week on May 7, 8, and 9 for the always-dreaded SAT9 testing. The tests will be given on a minimum day schedule. Good luck to the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are taking the exams!

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Do we need a 'secular' teen center?

The Raley's/Bel Air Corporation, the Sacramento River Cats and local city officials are among those on the bandwagon supporting a planned teen center to serve older West Sacramento teens. City officials expect this center to meet the community's needs for these older teens, just as the city parks department's "Club West" serves younger teens.

The new facility is being spearheaded by a regional Christian group.

This teen center is a good thing – maybe even a great thing – and yet there is one issue of concern: as far as the News-Ledger has been able to learn through past interviews, the parties involved don't seem too concerned about the religious aspect of the teen center. One organizer has said that there will be no overt evangelism at the site. But aside from that, there does not appear to be a plan to keep the teen center from being a place for Christian evangelism.

A Christian teen center is a wonderful thing for this community – as a Jewish, Sikh or Muslim center could also be – but the City of West Sacramento should restrict its support to a center that is careful not to champion a particular faith. It isn't clear, at this stage, that the planned new teen center will fit that bill.

If West Sacramento wants a city-sponsored center for older teens, there needs to be an adjustement to the current plan.

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Letters to the Editor

Rebuild our sidewalks

I still believe Kiewit Pacific is not too serious about building the concrete plant on Port of Sacramento land; rather, since they'll be rebuilding the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge, it would seem more prudent to build it in "hometown" Alameda County. (Port of Stockton and Port of Sacramento appear to be bargaining chips).

Like the QUAD folks, I believe the proposed KP plant will be built too close to existing homes. And if the KP plant is constructed as proposed, subsequent applicants (whose construction and daily operation may also adversely affect noise and air quality of nearby homes) can simply dismiss that argument in their proposals because the KP plant will have set a precedent. Why not locate it on far westward port property? Or would cement dust then blow onto port offices?

And no, I do not oppose concrete work. In fact, I believe our city's sidewalks should be rebuilt to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of about 1990. Finance this work in the same way we did with the Arlington Oaks sewer hookup project. All kinds of payment options besides "all up front at once" should be available. Like that project, such improvements would not only improve our quality of life, but would also improve the resale value of our homes. And it might also reduce homeowner's liability insurance costs.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Library: your support needed

On Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m., City Councilman Oscar Villegas will ask the city to actively support the search for a new library in West Sacramento. It is important for community members to be there to show their support for a new library. Please bring family and friends to this important meeting at city hall (1350 Halyard Drive).

Questions? Call the East Yolo Friends of the Library, 375-6465.

See you there!

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were pushed over. The Miwoks, the Wintuns, a lot of tribes shared the area. They moved as they hunted."

Icay-Johnson explained that the "Capital Resort Hotel Casino" proposal is now proceeding on two political tracks.

It currently is pursuing a lawsuit in federal court, using the argument about the tribe's historical roots to try to get the right to establish tribal land at the site in West Sacramento owned by a partnership including local developer Frank Ramos. It is also pursuing a "compact," or agreement, with the state to allow the gaming complex.

A number of other tribes in the area have tried to oppose the new Sacramento-area casino proposed by the Pomo tribe. A public relations firm hired by these tribes helped organize Monday's press conference – a fact not publicized at the conference.

West Sacramento's city government has yet to take a stand on the proposed casino, and yet to act on a proposed deal to receive money in exchange for civic services for the proposed Indian reservation land. It may take its first look at the May 8 city council meeting.

Several council members have said they will recommend that any deal with the casino go before the public as an "advisory vote" before they make up their minds whether to approve it.

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/s/Glen Ikeda

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: April 3, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Cns329748

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 29, 2002
File No. 2002-269

The following person is doing business as SBC Pacific Bell Directory, 101 Spear Street, San Francisco CA 94105:

Pacific Bell Directory, a California corp., 101 Spear Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 1, 2002.

/s/Donna K. Bell, Asst. Secty.
Pacific Bell Directory

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 5, 2002
File No. 2002-298

The following person is doing business as Parkside Childrens House A Montessori School, 2907 Portage Bay, Davis CA 95616:

Karrie Sequeira Hernandez, 2619 Kline Ct., Davis CA 95616, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Gabriel Sequeira

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 10, 2002
File No. 2002-317

The following person is doing business as All You Need Tint, 3308 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sacramento CA:

Jeremiah Schoonmaker, W. Sacramento CA.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 1, 2002.

/s/Jeremiah Schoonmaker

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Date: Apr 10, 2002
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 11, 2002
File No. 2002-323

The following person is doing business as Elite Nails, 68B – West Court St., Woodland CA 95695:

Thanh Pham, 8293 Glendon Way, Sacramento CA 95829.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Thanh Pham

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on May 15, 2002 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held at city hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 373-5800. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

To consider objections to the removal of weeds pursuant to the city's weed abatement program.

Resolution 02-33 recommending submittal of the Draft Housing Element by the City Council to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

May 1

NOTICE OF HEARING

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, May 16, 2002, at West Sacramento City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions

Item #1

3200 French Avenue (ZA 02-18)

The applicant is requesting an access interpretation for a parcel served by an unimproved road. The applicant has access rights to Jefferson Boulevard via an easement but proposes to use French Avenue instead. (DT)

Regular Agenda

Item #2

Hart Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM 01-10)

This item is a request to subdivide 62.68 acres into 11 parcels ranging from 4.44 to 14.03 acres in area. The applicant also proposes to abandon the public rights-of-way known as Armfield Avenue and Fisher Avenue and replace them with 20-foot wide private rights-of-way. The property is located in the southwest corner of the City on both sides of Jefferson Boulevard along the Deep Water Ship Channel and the southern City limit (APN 45-240-08, 45-200-06 & 07 (portion). The property iszoned A-1 (General Agricultural) and POS (Public Open Space). A Statutory Exemption Section 15270, (projects which are disapproved), has been filed. OWNER: William J. Furtado, III, 38001 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94536. APPLICANT: Bob Hart, 3155 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (DT)

Item #3

Southport Gateway Unit 4 Tentative Map

The applicant is requesting a tentative map that would subdivide a 20-acre site into 55 residential lots and a detention basin. The property is located at the southwest corner of Gateway Drive and North Beach Avenue (APN #'s 46-010-09, 27 (ptn) and is zoned R-2 (Residential, One Family or Multi-Family). A Negative Declaration has been filed on the project. OWNER/APPLICANT: Ryder Homes, 1425 Treat Boulevard, Walnut Creek, CA 95677. (RVB)

Item #4

BP/Arco Conditional Use Permit

The applicant wishes to construct a rail spur for ethanol delivery to the existing BP/Arco bulk petroleum fuel storage and distribution facility. The property is located at 1700 South River Road (APN #58-270-01) and is zoned WF (Waterfront). A Negative Declaration has been filed on the project. OWNER/APPLICANT: BP/Arco, 1601 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (RVB)

Item #5

Royal Bedding Conditional Use Permit (CUP 02-5)

This item is a request to locate a mattress manufacturing and retail business as a replacement use not otherwise permitted in an existing manufacturing building in the WF (Waterfront) zone. The property is located at 31 15th Street. A Categorical Exemption has been filed on the project. OWNER: Erik Martinez, 2709 Del Monte, West Sacramento, CA 95691. APPLICANT: Michael J. Majors, II, 1401 Halyard Drive #140, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (RVB)

Item #6

Public Hearing on Proposed Design Review Ordinance

Several Specific Plans or Planned Developments in the City of West Sacramento require review of architectural design for consistency with adopted design guidelines. An ordinance has been drafted to be added to the Zoning Ordinance which will define the procedure and requirements for the Design Review process. (SP)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

May 1

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On May 22, 2002 at 1:00PM, LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded September 17, 1998, as Instrument No. 98-0027119-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed by Jaime Hernandez, an unmarried man and Misael Hernandez, an unmarried man Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN# 67-090-16-1
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3416 Palomar Avenue West Sacramento California 95691
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $83,949.32
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
Date: April 30, 2002 First American Lenders Advantage, LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Ricardo Juarez For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728 LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001. LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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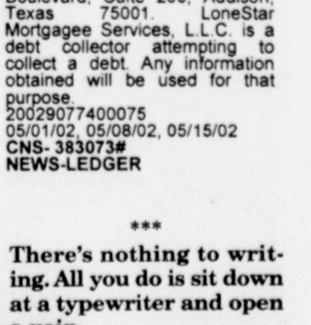
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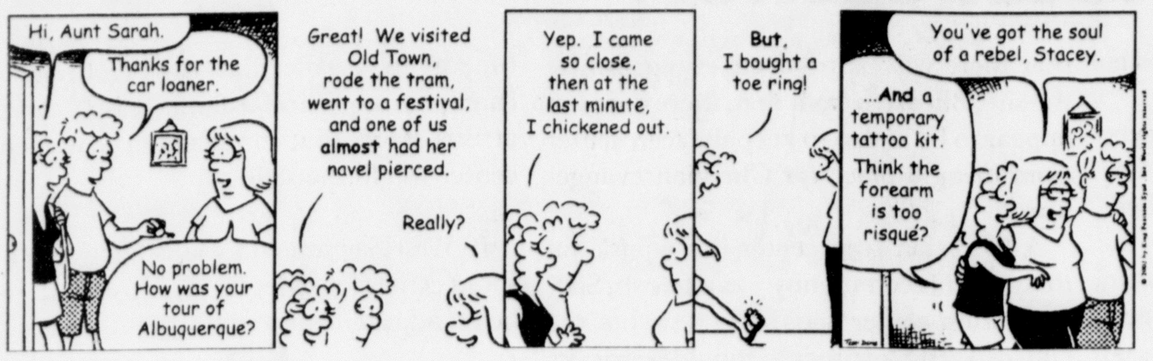
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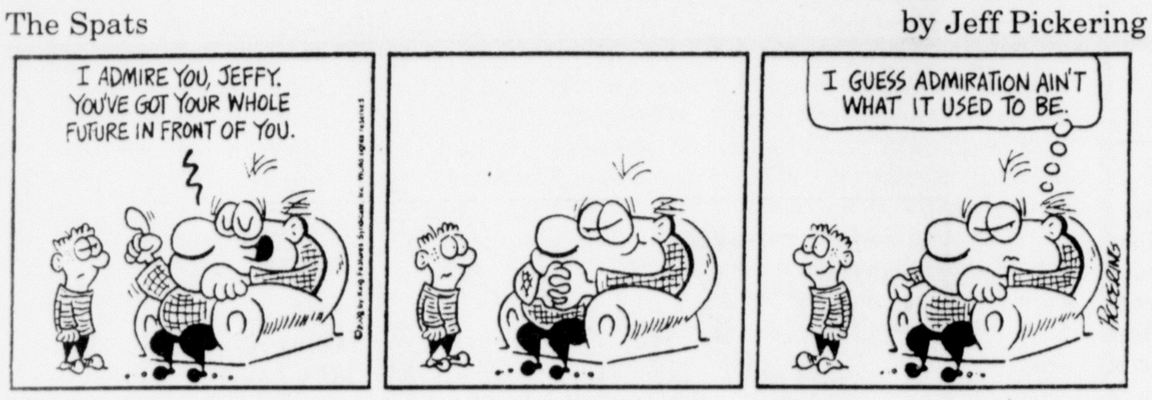
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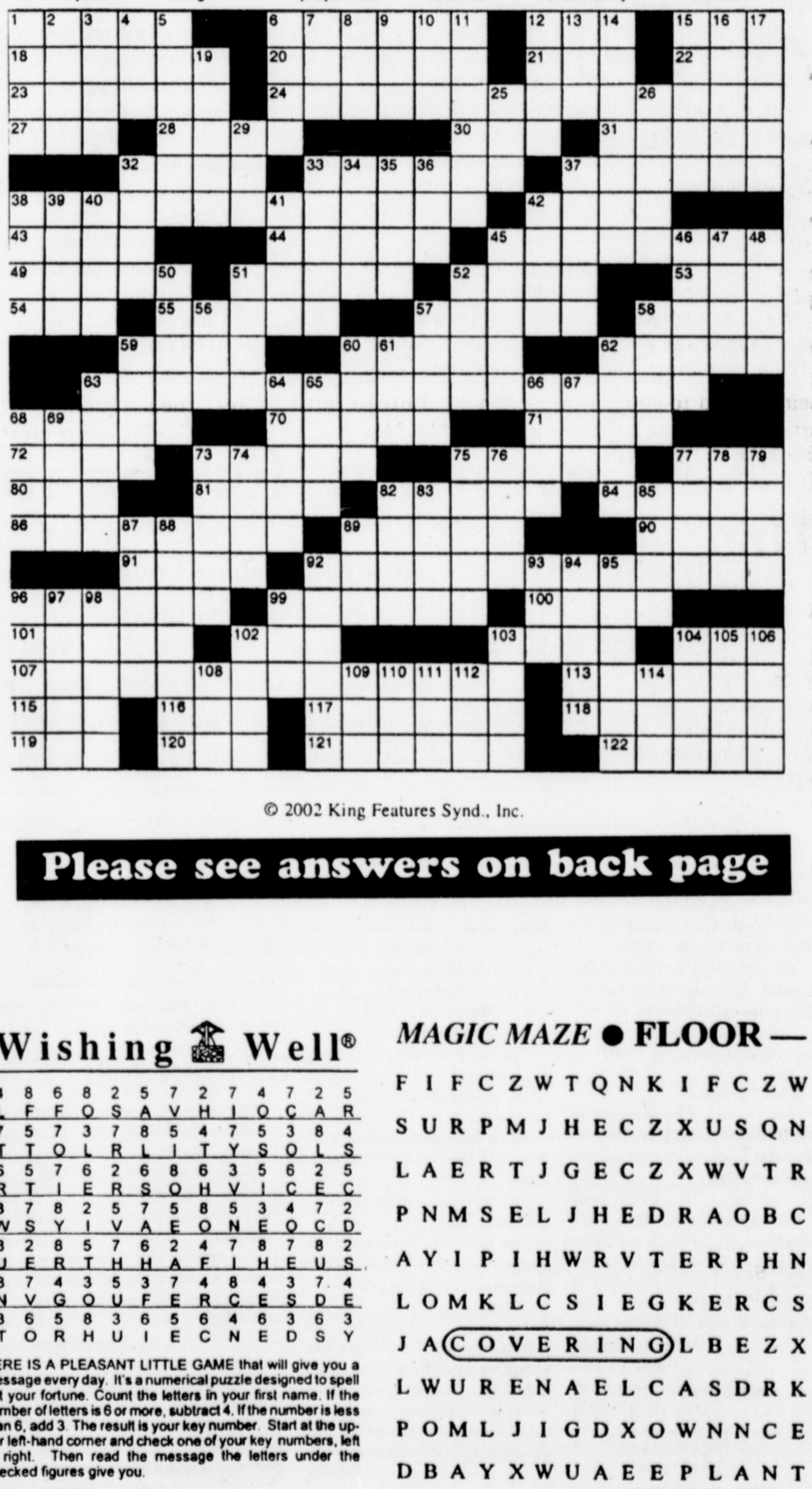


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18 Chatter boxes?
20 Melville or Munster
21 Corporate VIP
22 Tokyo, once
23 Giza god
24 DST Salman Rushdie book?
27 Itch
28 Little hit
30 Manner
31 Jeweler's measure
32 Self starter?
33 Meddle (with)
37 It may be grand
38 DST Gary U.S. Bonds hit?
42 One of the Waughs
43 Component
44 Pop
45 Jaclyn Smith, for one
49 Did nothing
51 Deck of destiny
52 Moo juice
53 Director Craven
54 Computer acronym
55 Acts like a stallion
57 Hiawatha's transport
58 Harvest
59 Pickling herb
60 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
62 Frank book
63 DST Spencer Tracy film, with "The"?
68 "Rise and —!"
70 Barter
71 Isolated
72 Lewis or Long
73 Clean the sink
75 Jambalaya ingredient
77 Palm oil?
80 Bird-to-be
81 Yarn
82 Cairo creed
84 Diminish
86 Chime
89 Dwight's competition
90 Busy as —
91 Israeli airline
92 DST Count Basie song?
96 Underside
99 Crooner Rudy
100 Notes from Verdi?
101 Wield
102 — -tac-toe
103 Desire deified
104 Word with on or off
107 DST Vogues tune?
113 Unwrinkled
115 Author LeShan
116 — pollol
117 "The Far Side" cartoonist
118 Paraguayan title
119 Dress size
120 Actor Brynner
121 Proof-reader's list
122 Spoken for

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4 Trans-gression
5 Agile Olga
6 Worn-out
7 Barnyard belle
8 Literary preposition
9 "— Believer" ('66 hit)
10 Flight
11 Respond
12 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 tune)
13 I.M. the architect
14 "The Hobbit" author
15 — incognita
16 Perfect
17 — Carlo
19 Cook fast and hot
25 Subway unit
26 Monkey or pony
29 Neither's partner
32 Jocular Johnson
33 City on the Loire
34 Curly coif
35 TV's "America's — Wanted"
36 Set
37 Stroke of luck
38 Piccadilly pound
39 Reverse
40 Sneezes and wheezes
41 Aspen apparatus
42 Singer Guthrie
45 Church support?
46 Deal with a nose
47 Glum drop?
48 Discern
50 Ambition
51 Hard to believe
52 Palomino's pride
56 Yalie
57 Harbor locale
58 Lestat's creator
59 Say it isn't so
60 Out of range
61 Cover
62 Couturiere Karan
63 Artist Velazquez
64 Bikini, e.g.
65 Factual
66 Chowder ingredient
67 Sound like a Shorthorn
68 Molt
69 "Les Miserables" author
73 Word with bath or shovel
74 Summon
75 Mary Kay —
76 Banister
77 Off-limits
78 List entry
79 Nest noise
82 Adored one
83 Gin flavoring
85 — California
87 So out it's in
88 Mottled
89 Woodworking tool
92 Fishing gear
93 Paddle
94 Angry
95 Robert Wright musical
96 Assail
97 Nitrous —
98 Denison denizen
99 Damone or Dana
102 Hard work
103 Best or Ferber
104 "—, Ma! No hands!"
105 Raison d'—
106 Comparative word
108 "Hulk" Ferrigno
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110 Rink legend
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Police log

April 26, 10:50 a.m.
A police officer took a report about an incident the day before involving a six-year old girl at Evergreen Elementary School. A man had lured the child into his car, telling her he had money for her father, and drove away. Less than an hour later, the child was dropped off, and spotted by a citizen who returned her to Evergreen. The girl appeared unharmed. School officials learned of the abduction later.

April 26, 12 p.m.
An officer contacted a person "dumpster diving" (searching through a garbage bin) at a West Capitol Ave. location. The subject had a license plate found in the dumpster. The plate had been reported stolen, and was booked as evidence.

April 26, 1:15 p.m.
An officer responded to the high school regarding a student found in possession of a small amount of marijuana on campus. The student was cited to appear in court.

April 26, 3:30 p.m.
An officer assisted as a child was taken into protective custody. The child's father had gone "beyond what is acceptable in the form of corporal punishment" but not "to the point of being criminal."

April 26, 9:32 p.m.
An officer in a business parking lot saw a known gang member trying to conceal a BB gun that resembled a .357 magnum handgun. The youth was booked into juvenile hall.

April 27, 2:54 a.m.
A car crashed into a Summerfield Dr. home. The driver remained on scene and admitted to police that he had drunk too much. He was arrested.

April 27, 11:04 p.m.
An officer was dispatched to the scene of an accident near Sacramento Ave. and Todhunter Dr. The two adult victims said that a 44-year old suspect stopped his vehicle in front of theirs, then intentionally rammed into their car, causing major damage. The two had their five-month old child inside the vehicle at the time. The suspect fled, but was later found, arrested, an identified by the two victims. The suspect's car was located as well.

April 28, 4:33 p.m.
An officer responded to a locale regarding a fight between a man and woman. The woman reported that the man slapped her and forced her out of his car. She placed him under citizen's arrest.

April 29, 12:15 a.m.
An officer was dispatched to a West Capitol Ave. nightclub regarding two men being detained by security guards because they were seen snorting cocaine on the premises. A baggie with 0.3 grams of cocaine was also detained. At least one of the suspects, 27 years old, was arrested.

April 29, 10:55 a.m.
An officer stopped a pair of men walking along Highway 275. One admitted having a syringe in a boot, and admitted having used heroin an hour before. He was arrested. The second admitted having a syringe in his pocket, and was wanted by police. He also had a knife in his pocket. Both were arrested.

April 29, 3 p.m.
An officer at a West Capitol Ave. business saw a car drive out from behind the building. Checking behind the building, the officer found a 26-year old woman buttoning up her dress. The woman admitted having been arrested for prostitution-related charges before. A police sergeant had seen her loitering on West Capitol Ave., making eye contact with drivers, earlier in the day. She was arrested.

Air quality essay contest for 7th, 8th grades

During May, Clean Air Month, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is seeking students from middle schools throughout the district's service area to participate in an art and air quality awareness competition for their 2003 Air Quality Calendar. Students from grades seven and eight are being asked to submit their artistic drawings portraying the theme "Air Quality Is Up To You" with a focus on one of nine categories. One winning artist from each category will have their illustration printed in next year's calendar. They will also receive $50 and their own copy of the Air Quality 2003 Calendar. Judges will be looking at creative and imaginative ways students represent a variety of air quality-related topics. Entries must be received by May 31.

"This can be a rewarding, learning experience as well as a fun exercise in expression," said Y-S AQMD Executive Director Larry Greene. "We hope that it will get the drivers of tomorrow aware of the choices they can make to keep our air clean." Educational materials are available to increase student awareness in each of the nine categories and how they impact the air quality.

For further contest information and entry forms, go to www.ysaqmd.org. The categories are:

- Car Care
- The 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Small Engines/Big Polluters
- Spare the Air
- Wood burning & Winter Pollution
- Smart Growth Planning
- Global Warming
- Alternative Modes of Transportation
- Consumer Products

This week in local government

The proposal for the **Capital Resort & Casino** complex, proposed by a gaming management firm and the Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians, is tentatively scheduled for a look by the West Sacramento City Council on May 8. The News-Ledger will carry more information on the agenda item when available.

Tonight (May 1), the **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in public session at 7 p.m. at 1350 Halyard Drive. Agenda items include:

Re-zoning 9.4 acres at Sacramento Ave. and Douglas St. from commercial to high density residential, to allow for an apartment complex; revisiting the city's development assistance policy; and a request by Councilman Oscar Villegas for city staff to work with county staff on options for possible new local library sites.

On Thursday, May 2, the **West Sacramento Planning Commission** will meet in public session at 6 p.m. at 1350 Halyard Dr., West Sacramento.

Among the agenda items will be the merger of two vacant lots in an industrial area at Marie Court and Oates St.; the subdivision of 63 acres along Jefferson Blvd. near the southern city limit; a conditional use permit for a Sprint PCS 53-foot wood pole to remain in operation indefinitely at 4601 West Capitol Ave.; public hearing on River Ranch and Newport Estates general plan amendment, Southport Framework Plan amendment and zone change for 21-acres north of Linden Road and east of Our Lady of Grace School; and a public hearing on the Bridgeway Lakes general plan and framework plan amendment and vesting tentative subdivision map involving 610 residential lots, a 30-acre lake and other amenities south of Marshall Road.

The **West Sacramento City Council** will continue its selection process for a new city manager by meeting in closed session May 2 for candidate interviews. Current city manager Joe Goeden is expected to step down in June.

The **West Sacramento Housing Advisory Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. on May 6 in public session at 1350 Halyard Drive.

Agenda items will include consideration of a draft ordinance on neighborhood enhancement; continued workshop on the commission's role and a status update on the Housing Element Update.

New voice for local business

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor



KAY FENRICH

"Every element for continued growth is here. As the community grows, the chamber will grow."

Kay Fenrich began work Monday as the new executive director of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, filling the hole left by the resignation of former director Don Hill. Fenrich serves as the top staff person in the chamber, answering to the organization's board of directors.

"One of the first steps is to take a look around, and then start making improvements as quickly as possible," she told the *News-Ledger*. "The board has definitely said it wants to continue the partnerships the chamber has in education, local government, the port and industrial community. All of those will continue."

Fenrich said she was pleased to find that West Sacramento has "an extremely dynamic" board of directors, led by current president Denice Edgar of River Bend Medical Associates.

"The enthusiasm I've been getting from the board members is refreshing," said Fenrich. "A lot of times, chambers have board members who, if they attend a board meeting once a month, feel they've done everything they need to. This board seems to be enthusiastic not only about the chamber, but about the community they live in."

"An extremely dynamic board is key," she added. "Every element for continued growth is here. As the community grows, the chamber will grow."

The organization currently has about 300 members, she said.

Fenrich served as executive director of the chamber in Oroville, California, from 1991-94, and has served as a consultant for businesses – largely helping with their bookkeeping and finances – in more recent years. When a U-2 "spy plane" crashed into Oroville's newspaper office in 1996, killing the pilot and a newspaper customer, Fenrich "helped rebuild" the newspaper office, working with the agencies involved in reconstructing it.

She has lately been active in various committees of Woodland's chamber of commerce – where she and her husband now live – and has helped set up that chamber's bookkeeping systems.

Fenrich has a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in journalism/public relations.

"This is definitely a community that can create its own future," she said of West Sacramento.

And what will be expected of Fenrich in her new job as chamber director?

"The chamber's board sets the policies," she answered. "They're the ones who sit down and establish goals for the year, and for future years. It's my job to make sure the policy is implemented."

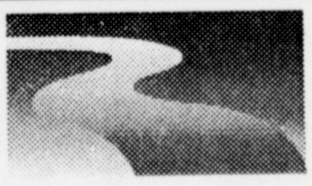
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Local Items

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And will make the reader smile,
Send it in."

The Sacramento River registered 15 feet 0 inches, U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge, yesterday. The gauge showed a height of 18 feet last Tuesday evening, this being the highest so far during the present winter.

The ways of the Sacramento Transportation Co. are extremely busy now that river shipping is at its height. Yesterday the barge Onisbo was launched after a thorough overhauling, in fact it was practically rebuilt. Many men were engaged in the work during the past six weeks. This is one of the largest barges on the river and has been in constant use during several years.

The U. S. snagboat Seizer was towed up stream yesterday from Rio Vista to be repaired and overhauled. Lately the Seizer went through a fire which practically cleaned out its interior, and was saved only after considerable work. Nearly all the machinery in the boat was ruined in the fire and will have to be replaced.

August Brietzke is expected home from a San Francisco hospital next Saturday. Yesterday he was permitted for the first time to go outside his room after an operation for the removal of an abscess in his left eye. The operation was successful but there is a possibility that another may be necessary later on.

Ray Waring, owner of considerable property in Washington, was a visitor around town yesterday. He is engaged in the State Capitol.

A wide variety of carpet patterns for your selection at Locke's, 318 J street, Sacramento.—adv.

Deputy Assessor Kane was a visitor in Washington yesterday, when he started out on his rounds in assessing property. Mr. Kane expects to be a candidate for the position of County Assessor next November and will have for his opponents Byron Hillhouse and C. F. Evans.

A movie outfit went up river yesterday on the steamer Weitchpec. The scene of operations was along the river near Riverbank. Forty people and thirty dogs took part in framing scenes on the Klondike. Residents in the neighborhood were greatly surprised at the antics of the actors and tried at various times to get inside the focus of the camera.

Mrs. A. Grabo is confined in the Sisters' Hospital in Sacramento with a very severe case of pneumonia which threatened her life during a few days in the past week. Reports from the hospital last night indicated that she is improving.

A new addition was made to the Archie Lewis family yesterday morning when a new baby arrived at the home.

"Home comfort" is a prize which everybody wants. Try Locke & Son, 318 J street, Sacramento.—adv.

Mrs. R. Derr met with a serious accident last Wednesday in the Washington Bakery. A bannister protecting a stairway over which she was leaning broke under her weight and she fell to the bottom of the stairway. A closed door at that point prevented her from getting on her feet for several minutes. During that time she struggled strenuously, finally extricating herself by standing on her hands. Yesterday she was somewhat bruised but no bones were broken.

Mrs. F. De Riso is still confined to her bed suffering with pneumonia. Her condition, however, is greatly improved.

Mrs. M. Stucki, a former resident of Washington but lately of Sacramento was around town yesterday visiting old friends.

A baby girl was born last Monday at the home of J. Allerton. The mother and baby are getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. A. Melani, a well known San Francisco lady, has been stopping at the Allerton home during the past two weeks. She is now attending Mrs. Allerton as nurse, to which profession she was trained for several years. Her husband is a volunteer in the service of the U. S. and during his absence Mrs. Melani has returned to her profession.

Homer Lee made a flying trip to Vallejo last Sunday in the family Ford and returned without a mishap.

Mrs. Maria Peterson made a short trip to San Francisco. She returned Sunday evening.

Mrs. James L. Clifton was a visitor in Oakland with her daughter during the early part of this week.

A business meeting of the local Red Cross Chapter was held in the Town Hall last Monday evening, during which some important subjects were under consideration.

With the departure of George Brown last Monday forty-nine young men have left Washington to serve in the army or in the navy. He has gone to training school at Goat Island.

Word has been received from Ellis Harlow that he is now on his way to an Eastern station, having been transferred from Mare Island.

Guests at the home of W. K. Glasford and family during the past few weeks, J. McGillian and family have returned to Adrian, Michigan.

Miss Lydia Roloff pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing three rings from the home of E. C. Tanner and has been allowed her liberty on $250 cash bail. Next Monday she will appear before the probation committee to ask for parole, being only 18 years old.

AS THE CRITIC SEES US; PARTICULARLY RELATING TO "WASHINGTON-BRODERICK-YOLO"

Washington, Yolo Co.
(By Red Nil.)

San Francisco has her Trans-Bay "Burghs," but this is Sacramento's trans-river suburb.

"Washington" is the municipal name of our village, Broderick the Federal, and "Yolo" the tourist appellation.

Yes, "Yolo" is a tourist mecca—tourists come here from "The Heart of California," when our Capital City is holding her municipal elections.

Washington, we'll say, is a free town; it is free from city taxes, paved streets, street cars and "City Dads"; she also sent "over" quite a bunch of "Freedom Boys."

But let me tell you of some of our village celebrities and businesses. We'll speak of them only as kids and playthings, for grown-ups are only older kids, and their businesses new playthings, more or less; anyhow people don't get old in Washington (just ask the white-headed kid we call "Judge" or attend little Mattie's municipal "practice" dances). We'll play that I'm a "funny-picture man" and have drawn you a lot of pictures. Now, this first one at the top is Mattie, and the big white toy she is handing us is our new schoolhouse—of course some of us kicked about this matter just like "dad" does when he has to pay for all the Christmas presents, including his own, still we are right glad to have this splendid up-to-date toy, though it does make some of our other playthings look cheap. You see I've drawn a big, well-fed boy on top of the building, that means he is "holding it down." His name is Arthur; he has a fine bunch of girls helping him, too, but girls are so finical and particular that I don't like to draw them.

I want to tell you a little story about Arthur. Once upon a time (not long ago) one of our kids said to another: "Say, why do you use big words? Arthur don't use big words, he just calls us 'bone-heads.'" Well, the other thought that a good joke so he "sprung" it on Arthur. But our hero didn't seem to appreciate the jest for the next day he lined up those kids and demanded to know if he had ever called any of them "bone-heads," whereupon most of them answered "no" (least-while none of them answered yes). "No," he continued, "I did NOT call you boneheads, I would not use such language; I only told you not to be boneheads; now don't misquote me hereafter."

Arthur is another acquisition of Mattie's. I guess she told him that he could play here as long as he wanted to so far as she was concerned; he seems to like the place, too, anyhow we like him.

(2) Here is another picture of Mattie. She and the tall girl are not fighting; they are just pulling each other's hair for fun. "Mattie can hold her own, too."

(3) The next picture is of our Town Hall and "Fire Station No. 1," another of our play houses. It's a little old-fashioned, like most of our village, but it suits us. The stocky boy astirde the house is James—James don't get any marbles for "holding this down," and he wants to get off, but we won't let him.

On the hall porch you see a fine looking, square shouldered chap, who might pass for either Senator or parson. That is "Judge," and the big muscular one is Billie. Billie and Judge play Police Court. Billie brings in bad boys, to which Judge administers "the majesty of the law." Sometimes Judge smiles as he seems to say, "Oh, let us give him another chance, Billie, you know we are all just kids."

(4) You will notice in this next picture a big, intelligent looking "newsy" trundling his little wagon over the bridge toward "Yolo,"—that is Peter. Peter has "some punch," and he can do other things besides sell papers, but he seems to like the news business because, among other things, he can put in a few knocks, or perhaps do a little slugging once in a while. Jolly good fellow is Peter, and we are glad of his adoption.

(5) Here are three of our boys—"Jonny," Ed and Curtis, you see I pictured them loading schooners, but since large vessels are no longer safe of late I hear they have changed to the pony business.

Speaking of boats: We have a certain Robert here who is quite handy with water craft, but as to land boats, when they refuse to float he can just roll into "any old haystack and sleep till the morning dawns. Then there is Cassie; his ship plant is but a tumbledown relic of the pioneer days, nevertheless he is doing quite a bit toward getting the wheat and beans "over" so that our boys can shoot the Kaiser.

(6) The trim little chap with the long sleek doggie (wiener) is Eddie. Eddie has a partner, but I just wanted to say that Eddie is learning to dance and that he isn't married (yet) either.

(7) This big boy in the grocer's wagon is Pearl—no, not a girl. He keeps two or three of these wagons moving. You see he has Jimmy and Herbert to help him. Jimmy and Pearl are most generous and patriotic boys; they used to go out almost every Sunday to shoo (!) the ducks and geese off the crops so that the farmers could go to church. Pearl is one of these Hooverizing grocer boys. He makes us go fifty-fifty all right, still it is not Hooverizing to haul him around on his gas wagons.

(8) "Bobby, the old timer," who is flagging the S. P. crossing, is strong on religion and politics, although not strictly orthodox, nor is he a standpatter either. Bobby can argue "some," believe me bo, but don't try to out talk him, he'll flag YOU too.

(9) Those boys with the toy drums and tin horns are playing band. "Get tired of their noise?" No, indeed. They are doing fine and will be musicians some day. We are proud of them, even if some are a little off in tune.

(10) The boy on the water wagon is Henry; some naughty boys call him "Buck," but we don't like that name. Henry is a fine straight sober boy, but he don't always stay on the water wagon—no, he drives other wagons too.

(11) You see the chubby little fellow standing in the door of our "GRAND ROYAL ICE CREAM U. S. Postoffice?" That is Jack. Jack can play the most games of any kid you ever heard of. He plays Postoffice, Confectioner, News Agent, Labor Agent, News Correspondent, Recruiting Officer and Baby and Alien Registrar. You would hardly believe it, but Jack plays his games for sixteen hours a day and for seven days per week. Jack is learning to dance, too; perhaps he thinks it will help him in his games.

(12) Now, this last picture represents our S. P. passenger depot; it may remind you of an umbrella as to size, but it is really quite handy to keep off rain and sunshine while waiting for the motor which stops here.

We don't care if Sacramentans do call us "Yolo Mudhens," we admit that we can pick and scratch for ourselves.

HORRORS! SANCTIMONIOUS PRECINTS OF COUNTY SEAT WILL BE DEFINED BY ROUGH-NECKS

(Special to The Independent.)

Woodland, March 16.—Yip! Yip! The "town's" all "het up."

This city of spotless, stockyardless, saloonless fame, is going to have a fight. Yep—an honest-to-goodness quarrel.

Yip, again!

And what's more, it's going to be a series of rows.

Twelve gloved athletes are going to step into a roped arena and assail each other while seven or eight hundred sport lovers holler themselves hoarse.

The occasion is dated for Tuesday night, March 26, and it's said that the "natives" young and old have dotted down the time, so are to be there.

One Soldier Woods from San Francisco and one Frank Denny of Oakland, two battling rams, will meet in the final head-on collision. And it's sure going to be some bull fight, judging from the contests these two boys have put up at Sacramento. Neither scrapper is credited within thinking more than twice a month, and both boys are mixers of the Donnybrook school of boxing. It's sure slated to be some mill.

Then for the special events, the Yolo County seaters will bring together none other than Danny Nunes, a Sacramento boy who seeks to be Coast bantamweight champ, and Al Prouse, a terror from San Francisco.

Jimmy Marshall and Billy Papke, Capital City boys who couldn't settle their grudge at Sacramento because Marshall didn't think he'd get a square deal, will quarrel in another special bout in Woodland.

The prelims will bring together Young Willard, a six-footer, 193-pounder from Davis, and Soldier Mike Gorskie, a heavyweight from the Presidio in San Francisco; and Porter Diggs of Woodland and Toby Owens of San Francisco; and Joe Perry of Oak Park and Jimmy Doyle of Sacramento.

Headed by Jerome Barry, Billy Leinberger, Bob White and a few other stellar sportlights, it is thought that a big delegation of Washington fans will make the journey to help Woodland "dissipate" on March 26.

Let's all go, boys! It's seldom they get "het up" like this at the county seat.

LIBERTY LEAGUE LAUNCHED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM

In the public school auditorium last Thursday evening a branch of the Liberty League of Yolo County was organized by many enthusiastic citizens of Woodland, accompanied by Judge W. A. Anderson, Fred Shafer and C. F. Evans as spokesmen of the evening.

With very short notice the meeting was called, yet the organization was perfected and officers elected to start out this worthy cause.

A whole carload of Woodland enthusiasts came from the county seat to help along and they were boosters. The Home Guard was particularly conspicuous.

Following the meeting 35 members signed the roll of membership and the following officers were elected: President, Frank Korrell; Vice-President, W. A. Parkinson;

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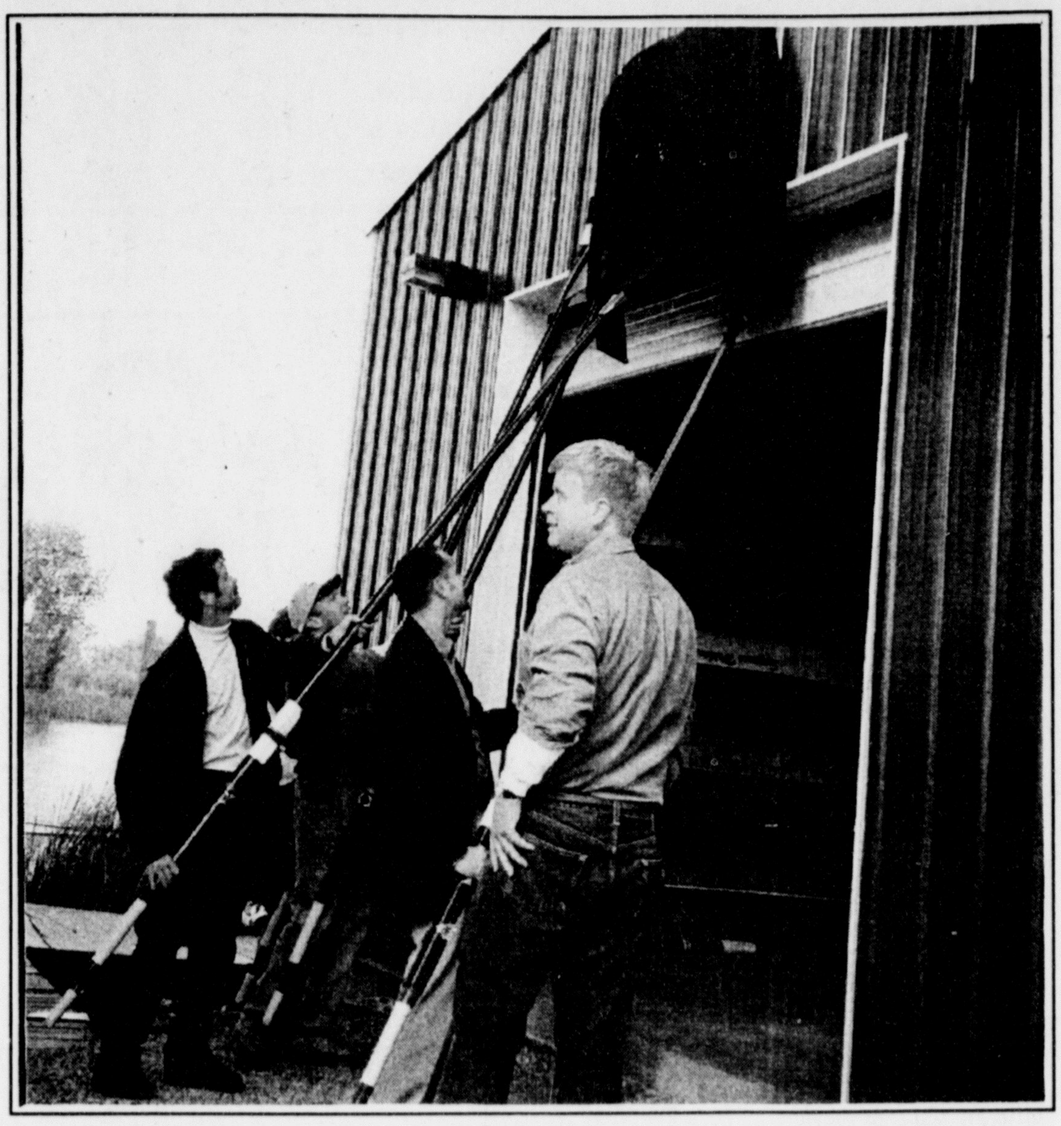
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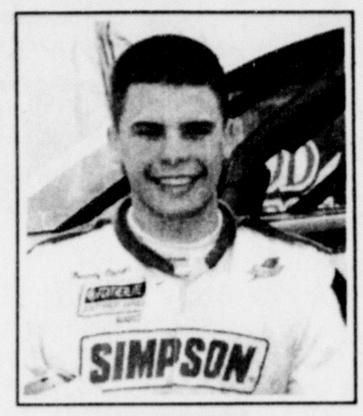
West Sacramento's River City Rowing Club held a grand opening of its new boathhouse on the Port of Sacramento. The club recently outgrew its smaller quarters next door.

Special guests at the ceremony Sunday morning included West Sacramento city council members Jim Cahill, Christopher Cabaldon and Oscar Villegas, along with County Supervisor Michael McGowan.

The rowing club hosted Pacific Rowing Club for a dual meet of high school athletes following the dedication.

At left, Jim Cahill, Oscar Villegas and Christopher Cabaldon pick up oars and help unveil the new boathouse sign, next to club officer Peter Brostrom.

West Sac driver Burney Lamar takes another fine finish



BURNEY LAMAR

West Sacramento's Burney Lamar led the Featherlite Southwest Series NASCAR race April 27 in Stockton -- until his power steering pump started acting up.

Lamar had trouble keeping his car on the inside of the track, and in the 123rd lap of the 125-lap race, was passed by Ron Strminska, Jr.

Lamar, however, took over the points lead in the series.

The series travels next to Pikes Peak International Raceway on May 19.

The West Sacramentan is looking for sponsorship for his family-owned race car.

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horse and burro adoption event at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Avenue, one April 27-28. A similar event will be held at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton on May 18-19. Call 1-866-4Mustangs for applications.

Quilt show

The Pine Tree Quilt Guild will host its annual quilt show at the Nevada County Fairgrounds on McCourtney Road in Grass Valley on May 4-5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 530-273-1621.

Koi pond tour

The Camellia Koi Club will hold their 7th Koi Pond Tour on May 5th form 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can visit from 2000 to 20,000 gallons in the Granite Bay, Loomis and Rocklin areas and see beautiful fish, landscaping, waterfalls, and filtration systems. For ticket information, call 922-2525 or 482-4272.

Jepson Prairie Preserve tours begin

Public tours of the Jepson Prairie Preserve have begun and will continue through May 12th. The Preserve, featuring vernal pools and grasslands, is a non-profit land trust and can be reached by taking Highway 113 South from I-80, 12 miles south of Dixon, where 113 turns east at an overhead warning light, then go straight onto the gravel road, Cook Land, cross the railroad tracks and continue to the parking area. For more information call 707-432-0150.

Newcomers meet

Newcomers and Neighbors of the Greater Sacramento Area holds a monthly coffee the first Thursday of every month at 10 am. For location and further information call 984-1237.

Senior peer counseling

Free training sessions are being held for people interested in being a Senior Peer Counselor. If you think you might be interested in spending an hour or so once a week with an "older adult", call 855-5444.

Senior exercise classes

InfoLine Sacramento has compiled a list of exercise programs especially designed for older people. To receive a free copy of this list, call 498-1000.

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A Web site called Reward-TV offers TV viewers the chance to flex their mental muscles by playing games that ask them to recall specific details of the previous night's programming, including commercials. The more questions you get right, the more points you win—points that can be cashed in for the chance to win DVD players, movie tickets, gift certificates, TV memorabilia and more.

Here's an example from "Friends": What did Rachel do at the doctor's office? a. Hit on the substitute doctor; b. Steal her sonogram picture; c. Run out without paying; d. Gasp at nurse's outfit. (Answer: a.)

All you have to do is log on; register and play. You get up to five games each day, plus any bonus games, typically for special events like the Super Bowl and Oscars, if available. To learn more, visit www.rewardtv.com.



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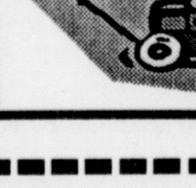
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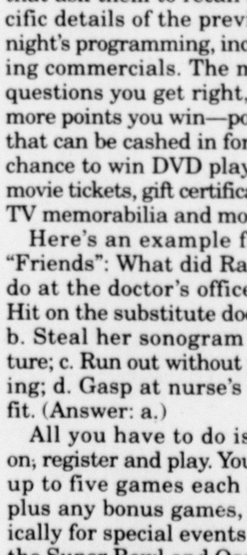
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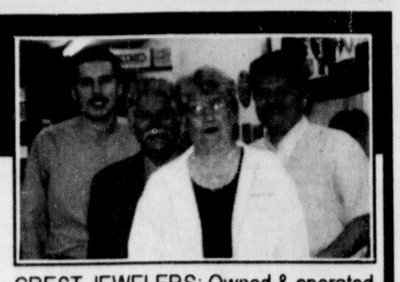
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City photo contest

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VFW officers

West Sacramento's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 will install its new officers at a 6 p.m. dinner Friday, May 17, at the hall, 905 Drever St. Cost to attend is $5. For reservations, call 371-7245.

Benefit for Beth

The personnel of the West Sacramento Police Dept., along with the police officers' union, invite you to attend a dinner and dance on May 4 to raise funds to help Beth Carerre pay for medical expenses in her fight with cancer. The event will be held at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Rd., with no-host cocktails beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner (tri-tip and trimmings) at 7 p.m. Cost is $20; dress is casual. Music donated by DJ Troy Meza. Call DeAnna Stevens, 372-2461 ext. 294, or Debra Lugo, 372-2461 ext. 285, for information. The public is invited.

Elks breakfast

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host Sunday breakfast on May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at 423 Third St. Menu is your choice of steak & eggs, sausage & eggs or an omelette. Contact the Elks for cost and further information.

Police open house

West Sacramento's police department has scheduled its annual open house for Sat., May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 550 Jefferson Blvd. Visitors may test their strength with a S.W.A.T. fitness challenge, try a radar detector ballgame, meet McGruff the Crime Dog, and visit with K-9 officers and dogs. There will also be Harley-Davidson police motorcycles on display. Refreshments will be served. Music by Odisea, a Latin music band.

Bingo

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host bingo every Friday night at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at 423 Third St., through the month of June. Buy-in is $10. A snack bar is on the premises. Bring this article in and receive $1 off your buy-in packet.

Baseball signups

Signups for American Legion's age 14-18 baseball league will be held May 4 & 11 at River City High School's varsity ballfield at 10 a.m. There is a pre-registration fee of $50, refundable if the player does not make the team or cannot play for some reason. Bring a birth certificate. Call 371-5911 or 371-8292 for information.

Gourmet fundraiser

The Friends of Meals on Wheels will host the 13th annual Epicurean Esprit benefit on Thurs., May 16, at the home of Susan and Dennis Ochoa. The fundraiser will benefit Meals on Wheels, which brings food to seniors in Yolo County. On hand will be the fare of many of the region's talented chefs and winemakers. Tickets are now available. Call the Elderly Nutrition Program, (530) 662-7035.

Health care standouts

Nominations are sought for two Yolo County awards honoring professionals and volunteers who have made a difference in local health care. The John H. Jones Public Service Award recognizes health care professionals who make a special contribution to lower-income residents. The Ada Merhoff award honors advocates and volunteers who have worked to increase access to health care for lower income residents. Nominations should be in writing, with a short description of the candidate's contributions, and indicating the name of the award. Mail by May 10 to Norma Springsteen, Yolo Co. Health Council, 10 Cottonwood St., Woodland, CA 95695.

How to compost

Learn to compost you. yard waste: the city of West Sacramento's recycling division has a correspondence compost course available. Call 373-5893 or visit the city's web site and click on "finance division." After completing the course and a short quiz, you will receive a free compost bin and guidebook, delivered to your home.

'Grad Bash'

Local graduating seniors are invited to a free "Grad Bash" party at Capitol Bowl in West Sacramento on Friday, June 14, from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The city's parks and community service department is one of the sponsors. Call 373-5860.

School & River Cats

Westmore Oaks Elementary School and its kids will be featured at the June 7 Sacramento River Cats baseball game at Raley Field in West Sacramento. Ticket-holders from the school are invited to participate in on-field special activities, and the school's first-graders will sing the national anthem for the game opening at 7 p.m. Student art tiles are now on permanent display at the stadium. Presale lawn tickets to the game are $5 until May 3. Call 375-7730.

Youth: rowing, canoeing

West Sacramento's River City Rowing Club will host an "Introduction to Rowing and Canoeing" camp from June 17 to July 12, excluding the first week in July. Practice will be at the Port of Sacramento on weekdays from 4-6 p.m. Cost is $100 and financial aid is available. Eighth through twelfth graders are invited. Call 371-7723.

Local grad sings

River City High School graduate Melissa Corona will sing the national anthem for the River Cats' game on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:05 p.m.at Raley Field in West Sacramento. She has previously performed at the city's 1987 inauguration, the Harvest Festival, Columbus Parade and in the musical "Best of Broadway."

Prayer & praise

The West Sacramento Fellowship of Fundamental Evangelical Pastors invites you to meet at the First Baptist Church (15th and Delaware) for an evening of prayer and praise at 7 p.m. on May 2. Participating churches include Anna Street Baptist, First Baptist, First Southern Baptist, Horizon Christian Fellowhip, Journey Christian, River of Life, Southport Community, Trinity Presbyterian and Westside Covenant churches. The rally will be held in lieu of the usual quarterly rally held on a Sunday evening. Call 371-4061.

Bus to baseball

Bus service connecting West Sacramento's south area to River Cats baseball at Raley Field begins Friday and continues through the local minor league season. Yolobus will offer service to Southport including the Gateway and Bridgeway Island developments. The bus will offer return service following games. Visit the yolobus.com website or call 371-2877 for details.

Mother's Day Breakfast

West Sacramento's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 will hold a breakfast buffet on Sun., May 12, featuring gin fizzes. For more information, call the post at 371-7245.

Meet candidates

Two Republican candidates for state assembly invite you to join them on Friday, May 17, for a 5:30 p.m. barbeque at the Yolo Land and Cattle Company in western Yolo County. Doug LaMalfa, running in District Two, and John Munn, running in District 8 (which includes West Sacramento) will be on hand. Tickets are $50. Call (530) 668-1440 for reservations and information.

Heart transplant fundraiser

A barbecue and bake sale in the Safeway parking lot in West Sacramento on May 4 will benefit the Michael P. Heart Transplant Fund. There will be hot dogs, sodas, chips and baked goods along with a raffle. A Redline RL 380 bicycle, donated by Bike Builders on West Capitol Ave., will be among the raffle prizes, along with Funderland passes and other items. You need not be present to win. Raffle drawing is at 2 p.m.

Interfaith

Representatives of all faith traditions are invited to the monthly Interfaith brown-bag lunch on Friday, May 3 at noon at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 West Capitol Ave. Call 371-8804 for information.

Serving youth

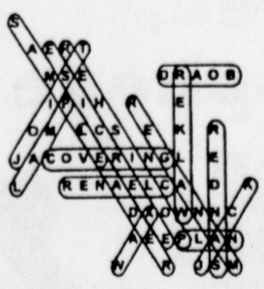
Yolo County's "Court Appointed Special Advocate" program (CASA) is seeking volunteer advocates to work with children placed in the foster care system. Orientations are scheduled for the next several months. The commitment requires two to three hours per week. Please call (530) 666-8267 for further details.

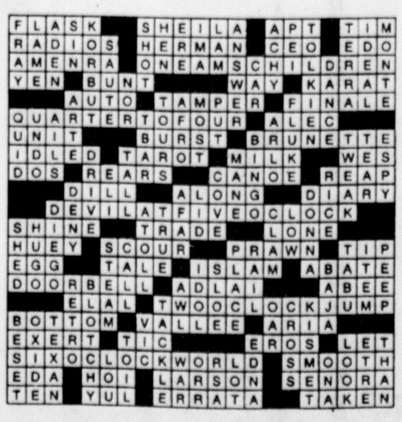
Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz

Answers

1. Robinson has managed Cleveland, San Francisco, Baltimore and Montreal.
2. Vladimir Guerrero had 34 homers and 37 stolen bases in 2001.
3. Garrison Hearst rushed for 1,570 yards in 1998.
4. It was 1989.
5. Glen Sather held both titles for Edmonton in 1988.
6. None. Entering 2002, all 41 victories came after he turned 30.
7. Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, Bjorn Borg, Guillermo Vilas and Ilie Nastase.

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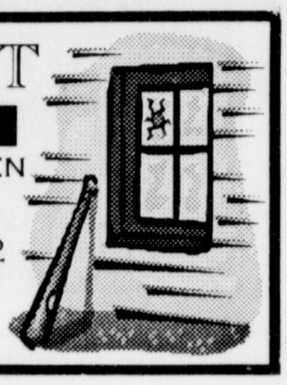




Differences: 1.Stick is shorter. 2. Boy has canteen. 3. Man's hat is black. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Boy's backpack is black. 6. Boy's expression is different.

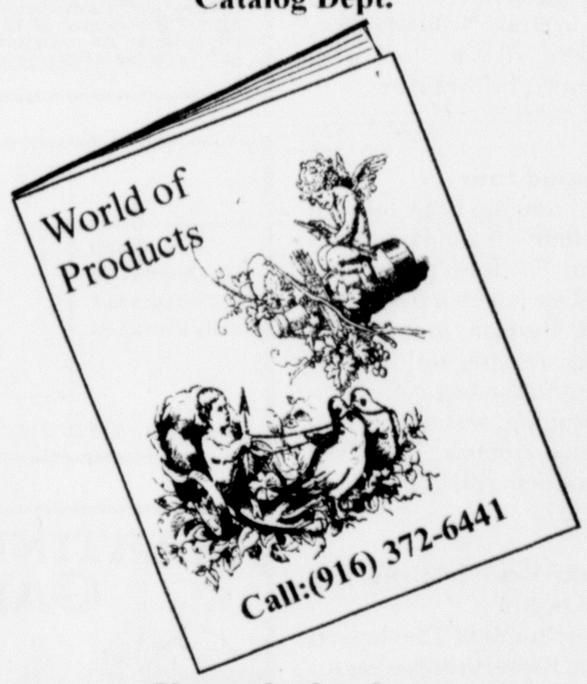
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